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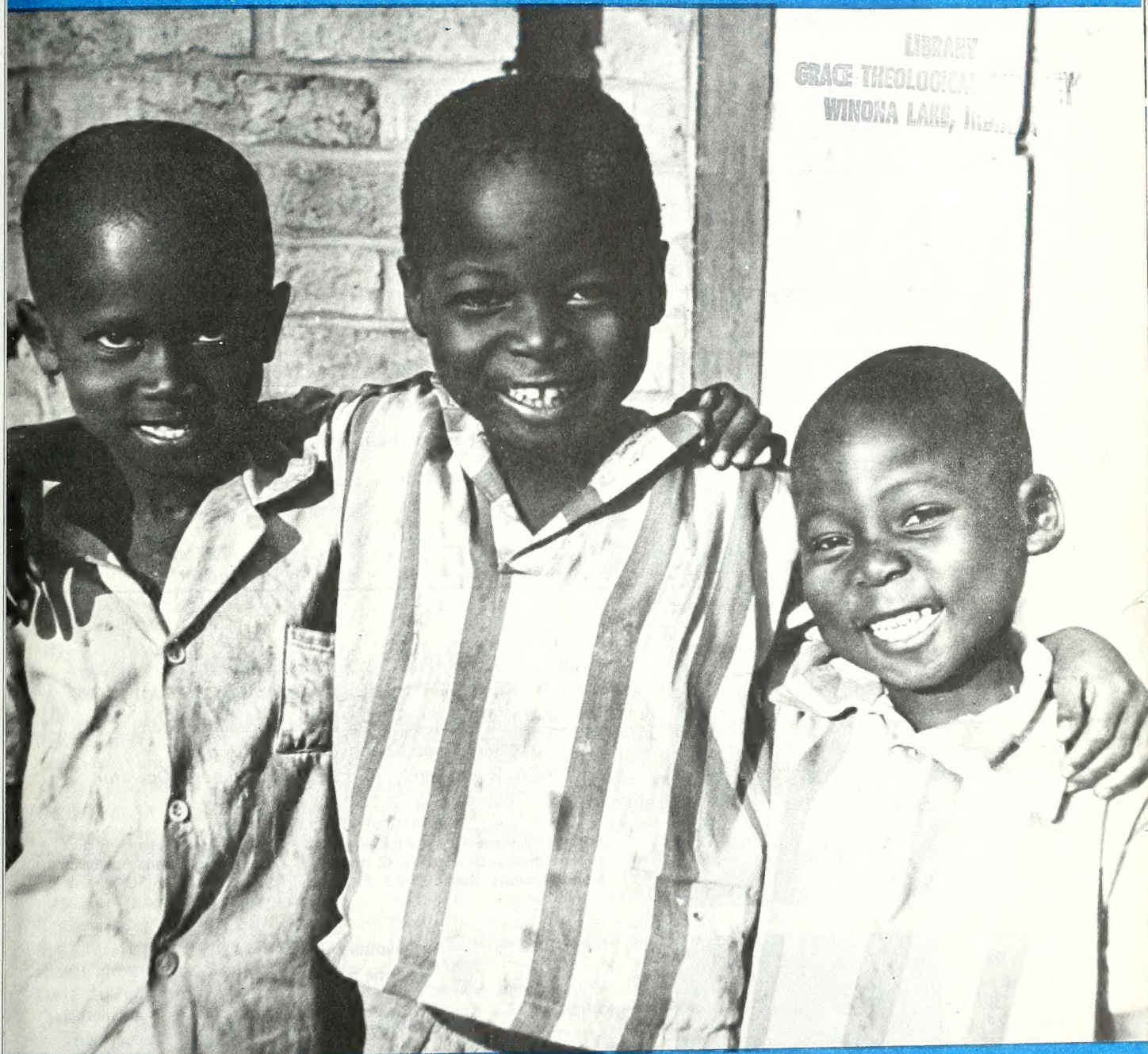


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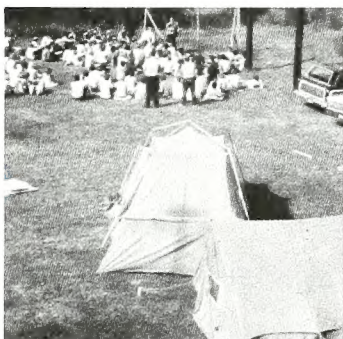
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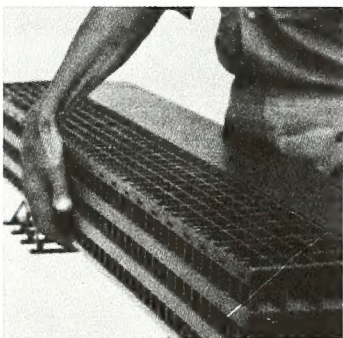
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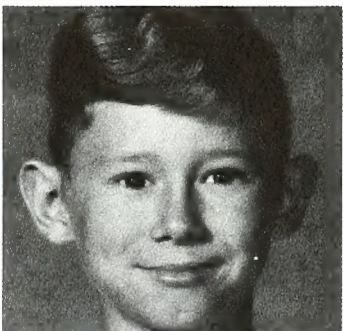
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Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

Through the generations of time there has been the old question as to our responsibility to others. Modern literature has stated the problem by saying that "No man is an island." While Paul wisely said: "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7).

A startling story out of Philadelphia several weeks ago highlighted a shocking, modern, new version of the problem of what we do having an effect on others. The Philadelphia General Hospital had a patient with evident withdrawal symptoms . . . a heroin addict. You may say, "Well, that's not too unusual in this day and age." But the circumstances were a bit different in that the patient was a two-day-old boy. Such cases have tripled in the past year, and are a result of the mother, an addict, passing the addiction on to her child. Her actions and life bring about frightening complications in another life—in this case, the mother's own child. In most such cases the problem is complicated by mothers who sign out of the hospital the day after they give birth in order to get another fix. This leaves the infants to go through withdrawal on their own.

This is one instance which may cause us to decry the coldness and unconcern of humanity and the cruel effect one can have on another. It does point up the fact that the selfish, foolish acts of one person can bring harsh results to others. A wider, more practical reflection on the truth of how we

can cause good or ill upon others by our actions may be of benefit, and should cause us to be very careful in our relationships. In a normal day's activities you probably meet many people. And you either make their life a little brighter or add a little sorrow to their already burdened life. The service station attendant from whom you purchased your gasoline yesterday—did you leave some cheer or was it sorrow? Or maybe it was the man at the meat counter at the grocery store—I've noticed lately it is very difficult to be happy and cheerful when I chat with him. It's not his fault that the prices are so high, so I must deal with him. But what impressions did I leave on his life?

You see the principle of no man living all alone without affecting others has a widespread application to practical Christian living. So often we teach a good brand of living in the Sunday-school class, but spread nothing but gloom and an otherwise ugly disposition in our day-to-day contacts. Were you ever abruptly startled by the thought that people are draw-

ing their impressions of what a Christian is by your everyday life? More witnessing is done, both good and bad, in your manner of living than is performed by spoken words in which witnessing is your sole purpose.

The world today needs no more written creeds, the Bible has supplied the perfect measure of truth in the fullest form. In a world that cannot escape all these interpersonal relationships, there is a crying need for the fruit of the spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, to flourish in God's people in the office, school, home—everywhere. You will leave an impression on someone today, may it be a good one with the radiance of the Christian life and cause them to wonder what makes life so vital to you. You will find it easy to talk to them about your Friend and Saviour.



How Many Toes Does

A Jellyfish

Have?

That's how many missionary candidates have made plans to go to Argentina!

During the past year missionaries on furlough and extended furlough from Argentina met with Board members and office staff to rethink mission strategy for that country. At the same time, assignments were made to the Argentina Field Council, and missionaries went to work on an in-depth study for the Brethren mission and its approach to the field. An objective evaluation of the whole scope of mission activities was sought. In September a meeting was held with missionaries on the field to coordinate ideas and evolve a plan which will fulfill the purpose of our mission and effectively use mission personnel. That plan has been outlined and will be put into effect immediately. It is an ambitious program and will require more missionaries if it is to be effective.



At this point in history Argentina presents a great missionary opportunity, and there is no reason why the Brethren testimony should not reap a portion of this spiritual harvest. Toward that end, the purpose of our mission in Argentina is re-emphasized, that purpose being to evangelize with the goal of establishing local and indigenous churches. Our ministry to the national church will be continued in those areas where the church requests help, but the emphasis will be placed on a different note. There is a definite feeling that we will better fulfill our mission by moving out with an aggressive evangelistic thrust and engaging more actively in church planting with every phase of mission activity contributing to that end.

The city of Buenos Aires was selected as a target and the Solon Hoyts have accepted the challenge to engage in this ministry. Of course, we cannot expect the burden to rest on one family, and we are appealing for others to join them.

In the work of training pastors only one missionary is assigned to the Bible Institute; thus, Argentine pastors will assume a greater portion of the teaching load.

The role of the present Bible Institute is under review. The field is encouraged to develop the seminary extension program. In this program teachers move out to the student, rather than bringing the students to the school. By so doing it is believed that the potential for pastors will be increased, as has occurred in other fields. Key leaders in local churches are not required to leave either their work or their families in order to pursue theological studies and become

equipped for the pastorate.

No plan can be carried out without sufficient dedicated personnel committed to the task. The good work accomplished by missionaries in spelling out a mission strategy for the field will be in vain if we do not have the personnel to make the plan work. But where are the volunteers for this field? Where are those so burdened for the salvation of men that they are willing to present themselves for the task? In recent years candidates for Argentina could be counted on the toes of a jellyfish. Quite frankly, the reason for this puzzles me.

If you would stand outside the Brethren bookstore in Buenos Aires as I have done, and watch the thousands of people constantly in movement before your eyes, the thought would surely occur to you that Christ died for them—yet, very few know Him. The whole of Argentina has a population of 23 million and yet only about 634,000 are evangelical Christians. The city of Buenos Aires is a rapidly expanding city, and it is expected that within a few short years the greater Buenos Aires area will have a population of nine million. If you would drive around the suburbs of that huge city and see the many new housing areas under construction to care for the exploding population, you could not help but wish that church-planting missionaries were available now to place in these strategic places.

Tragically, the missionary personnel is not available now. Is it because we have not prayed the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to this particular field? Or, is it because we labor under a false image of the country and its spiritual needs? Whatever the reason, I am sure that it is not acceptable to our Lord. Jesus Christ has entrusted to us a portion of that vineyard, and He expects His work to be accomplished. The needed personnel is available in Brethren churches. Join us in prayer that these young people will step forward, make themselves known, and identify themselves with this opportunity in Argentina.—JWZ

A Long Way to Almafuerte



Barbara Hulse and Kwang Ja Park at the Brethren camp grounds in Argentina

(FMS editor's note: Kwang Ja Park and Barbara Hulse are missionaries stationed at Icoaraci, Brazil. This account tells of their vacation venture into other regions of South America.)

The schedule said that bus departure time was 6 p.m., but that was a Brazilian schedule, not an American one! At 7:30 p.m. the bus moved slowly away from the city of Belem to travel south on the Belem-Brasilia highway. It is a dirt road most of the way, but was in not-too-bad condition. On Saturday breakfast was at 7:30, lunch at 10:30, and supper around 7:00. Early Sunday morning we arrived in Anapolis and started the process of changing to four different buses which finally got us to our destination of Caxambu on Monday afternoon. How good it was to clean up and enjoy a nice supper.

By Miss Barbara Hulse
Missionary to Brazil

Missions Conference

While we were eating, the executive secretary (and his wife) of Missionary Information Bureau came into the dining room. So we began to get acquainted. MIB sponsored the missionary conference (Missionary Leadership Training Institute) that we were to attend at Caxambu. There was much preparatory work to be done and over 200 people to register. Since Kwang and I were there a day early, we had the privilege of helping and therefore got to meet the people as they registered—a head start in getting to know missionaries from all over Brazil during these days of conference.

Brazil has many new laws which affect missionaries and mission organizations. The main purpose of this conference was to give us some valuable

legal help. Excellent lawyers and high government officials who are believers took days out of their very busy schedules to counsel with us. Another area touched was more effective communication—especially concerning raising our support. The third part was a real feast—the Bible study. Our speaker pointed out that our biggest problem is *self*. The three subjects were “self” in relation to 1) my family, 2) my ministry, and 3) my God.

Sao Paulo

Kwang and I had planned to go direct to Rio from the conference, but transportation was not available in the afternoon and we really couldn't afford another night in the hotel; therefore, when a free ride was offered to Sao Paulo we accepted. Afterwards we understood why the Lord routed us that way. We had wanted to check with the Korean embassy as soon as possible about Kwang's passport re-

newal so that we would know if it were possible to go on to Argentina.

In Sao Paulo we visited with various friends and new acquaintances. Our headquarters was with Carolyn Andrews from the Community Brethren Church of Los Angeles, who is working with Gospel Light Publications providing us with Sunday-school material in Portuguese. Carolyn was very kind in taking us places and feeding us well. Among others we became acquainted with a Korean pastor and some of his congregation. He is a good friend of a friend of Kwang's in Korea. We were treated to some Korean meals and also some beautiful music—a fourteen-year-old girl was staying with the pastor in order to continue her piano studies. And the pastor took Kwang to the Korean embassy in Sao Paulo and who should be there but the man with whom she had been corresponding in Rio. Since he was acquainted with her situation, he not only renewed her passport immediately but gave her two years instead of one, which is the usual amount of time for her passport.

Toward the end of that week I attended the annual meeting of the Brazilian organization on extension Bible institute work. It was profitable to me and I hope to our mission in general.

Porto Alegre

The next morning we started the trip south, south, south! Between Sao Paulo and Curitiba some terrorists had been shooting at vehicles along the main highway, so we were re-routed along a winding, dirt mountain road, adding five hours to our trip and causing us to miss connections, which resulted in a three-hour wait in Curitiba before going on to Porto Alegre.

From Sao Paulo to Porto Alegre we were accompanied by Chun Wah, the young pianist, whose family had been wanting her to return to Porto Alegre but she could not make the trip unaccompanied. After thirty hours travel we arrived, and then had several relaxing hours in Chun Wah's home before continuing our trip. Her father was a general for the South in the Korean War. He has written several books and expects to go to the States as soon as the University of California wants him to translate some of his books into English. Chun Wah is a believer and grew spiritually during her stay in the pastor's home, but her family is much against Christianity.

On to Buenos Aires

When we bought our tickets to Buenos Aires, I inquired about Argentine money. One person directed me to a certain hotel. There I inquired again, and finally someone found a bellhop who had only one bill of a very large denomination. He wanted many cruzeiros for it and I had no way of knowing if it was the right amount or not. So I asked at the bus ticket office and they assured me there were official money-changing houses right by the bus depot and I would be able to get money immediately upon arrival in Buenos Aires. I took their word for it. And, it's true, the exchange houses are there . . .

But, on a lonely stretch of muddy road, during a bad rainstorm, in the middle of the night—our bus broke

down. We sat for four hours. Finally, they got something fixed enough that with much stopping and starting we limped into the next town. We had breakfast there and in about an hour and a-half the bus was fixed and we started on. Instead of arriving Tuesday evening, we arrived in Buenos Aires at 2 a.m. Wednesday. Exchange houses weren't open. We explained our situation to the clerk in the office of the bus company. I begged him to sell me a few pesos for cruzeiros. He wouldn't.

Finally, probably in order to get rid of us so that he could close the office and go home, he gave me a few dollars worth of pesos. (We steadfastly refused to go to a hotel as he wanted us to do, and were told later that it was a good thing we didn't.) The money paid our taxi fare to the train depot and the train fare to Adrogué. There we waited outside another half hour for a taxi to take us to the Maconaghys'. (I might add that it was an old, windy train.)

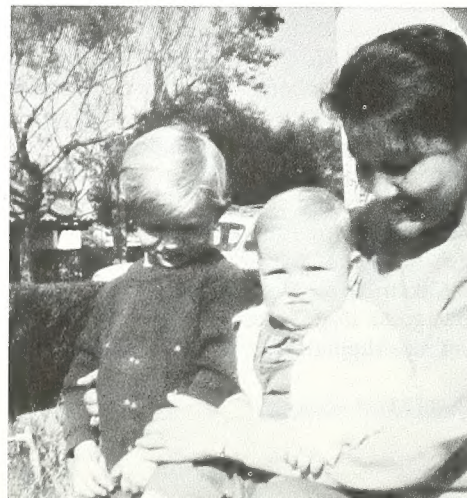
Visit with Maconaghys

After shining the car lights on the house, clapping, and other ideas did not awaken the Maconaghys at that early hour (now 5:30 a.m.), I finally climbed the fence and pounded on the door and greeted Mr. Maconaghy with a request for money to pay the taxi. We had arrived dressed in cottons and orlon sweaters, and we just were not prepared for Buenos Aires' first real cold snap. The temperature was two degrees centigrade and we were just about frozen—too cold to talk. Hot coffee and a gas stove, and then a few hours in bed under at least five blankets and quilts finally revived us. We wore borrowed warmer clothing for most of the rest of our visit!



The Clark Miller family

Kwang Ja holds David and Daniel, sons of the Clark Millers.



Our few days in Buenos Aires were a real joy as we fellowshipped with the Maconaghys and the Clark Millers, visited the bookstore and churches, and made one excursion downtown to cash dollars for pesos and repay the clerk who gave me the pesos. More was planned, but Mr. Maconaghy suffered a mild stroke, and he was hospitalized. How we wished we could have helped in some way, but he was well cared for in the British Hospital and we were of no use in the bookstore or church because of the language barrier. So, it was finally decided that we would continue our trip as scheduled.

I have never seen quite such an unselfish attitude as that of the Maconaghys in this illness. His whole concern was for the church and bookstore, and he was worried that he was "spoiling" our vacation. Mrs. Maconaghy's quiet acceptance was a testimony of her trust in the Lord. The vacation was well worthwhile just to know them a little better. But the Lord had many other blessings in store for us.

"The Interior"

Saturday night we boarded a bus for the "interior." I find that this word does not mean the same thing in Argentina as it does in Brazil. As we traveled Sunday morning through several clean, modern towns, Kwang kept saying to me, "This is interior?" We felt that way even more after we got somewhat acquainted with the people—people with a much higher standard of living than in Brazil—well-

educated people. We had six wonderful days with the Bob Covers and Nelson Fays, both in Almafuerte now. We visited about five of the churches, the Bible Institute, campgrounds, bookstore, Christian day school, and so on. Had lots of fun just visiting, visiting, visiting. We could not help but be burdened with the need that you are aware of—the great need for workers in Argentina.

Heading Back

We hated to leave, but there were many days and nights of travel before us. Since it wasn't any longer time-ways, we went back to Brazil by a slightly different route, which passed the point where Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay meet. That just happens to be the spot where the beautiful Iguacu Falls are located. We didn't get to see the Paraguayan area and saw Argentina's only from a distance, but we spent a little time at Brazil's falls which are the largest, I believe. Brazil's alone make many Niagaras! The river twists and turns so that it is impossible to see all of just Brazil's from any one point. It was a wonderful sight, but hard to describe.

After three days and nights of bus travel (with the few hours out at Iguacu) we arrived in Sao Paulo again—dirty and tired and with swollen ankles—but Carolyn took us in again and we were soon refreshed and ready

to travel on. We spent one day in Rio, and one in Belo Horizonte. Saw the towns by day and traveled to the next place by night. Rio was mainly sight-seeing except for a visit to the large (and only) Christian bookstore. In Belo we saw a little of the town, ran some errands for a friend in Belem, and then spent the afternoon visiting Bethany Press. They are publishing many good books in Portuguese and a few months ago took over the printing of the Gospel Light Sunday-school material. On to Brasilia that night, and then several hours there the next day before getting our last bus from Brasilia to Belem. Carolyn had clued us in and so by riding the whole circle of three different city buses we saw all the interesting sights of our nation's capital for a very small amount of money. Two more nights and a day of bus riding; this time the road was drier and much dustier. We were very happy to arrive in Belem.

Bus fare for the whole trip was only slightly over \$140. And we saw and learned a lot about the "other Brazil" and Argentina. The fellowship with the other missionaries made all the days on the bus worthwhile. We did spend a little over our four weeks of vacation time (two year's worth) but that was mainly because I delayed in Sao Paulo to attend the Extension Seminary conference. While traveling we had coffee-and-bread breakfasts and a good meal at noon, and bought fruit to have as our supper. We rode buses at night and avoided hotel bills; had only one night in a hotel at Rio. All in all it was an inexpensive but wonderful vacation. We saw the Lord caring for all the details in so many ways . . . not just the passport. I want to thank Him for the many blessings we received.



Barbara stands in front of Iguacu Falls.

The Hill Maconaghys



German Evangelicals Form Significant Document

Addressing themselves to church leaders, missionary societies, and all Christians, this small group has taken a courageous stand for world evangelism. Their position needs the support of concerned believers everywhere.

A document called "The Frankfurt Declaration" was signed by eminent German theologians and missiologists on March 4, 1970. In view of the many attacks against historic Christian faith which have come out of Germany, it is refreshing to see a statement which takes such a positive stand on the Scriptures. Evangelical leaders in the United States have labeled this as one of the most significant developments in missions. We would have to object to the wording in a few places; however, we still feel that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches should be aware of the document. This small segment of German evangelicals who have courageously taken a stand for the evangelization of the world needs to know that in this expression of faith others stand with them.

Further portions of this declaration will appear in subsequent issues of the *Missionary Herald* for your study.

THE FRANKFURT DECLARATION
on the Fundamental Crisis
in Christian Mission

"Woe to me if I do not preach the

Gospel!"

The Church of Jesus Christ has the sacred privilege and irrevocable obligation to participate in the mission of the triune God, a mission which must extend into all the world. Through the Church's outreach, His name shall be glorified among all people, mankind shall be saved from His future wrath and led to a new life, and the lordship of His Son Jesus Christ shall be established in the expectation of His second coming.

This is the way that Christianity has always understood the Great Commission of Christ, though, we must confess, not always with the same degree of fidelity and clarity. The recognition of the task and the total missionary obligation of the Church led to the endeavor to integrate missions into the German Protestant churches and the World Council of Churches, whose Commission and Division of World Mission and Evangelism was established in 1961. It is the goal of this division, by the terms of its constitution, to insure "the proclamation to the whole world of the Gospel of Jesus

Christ, to the end that all men may believe in Him and be saved." It is our conviction that this definition reflects the basic apostolic concern of the New Testament and restores the understanding of mission held by the fathers of the Protestant missionary movement.

Today, however, organized Christian world missions is shaken by a fundamental crisis. Outer opposition and the weakening spiritual power of our churches and missionary societies are not solely to blame. More dangerous is the displacement of their primary tasks by means of an insidious falsification of their motives and goals.

Deeply concerned because of this inner decay, we feel called upon to make the following declaration.

We address ourselves to all Christians who know themselves through the belief in salvation through Jesus Christ to be responsible for the continuation of His saving work among non-Christian people. We address ourselves further to the leaders of churches and congregations, to whom the worldwide perspective of their spiritual commission has been revealed. We address ourselves finally to all missionary societies and their coordinating agencies, which are especially called, according to their spiritual tradition, to oversee the true goals of missionary activity.

We urgently and sincerely request you to test the following theses on the basis of their biblical foundations, and to determine the accuracy of this description of the current situation with respect to the errors and modes of operation which are increasingly evident in churches, missions, and the

ecumenical movement. In the event of your concurrence, we request that you declare this by your signature and join with us in your own sphere of influence, both repentant and resolved to insist upon these guiding principles.

Seven Indispensable Basic Elements of Mission

1. "Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me. Go forth therefore and make all nations my disciples; baptize men everywhere in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach

them to observe all that I have commanded you. And be assured, I am with you always, to the end of time" (Matthew 28:18-20).

We recognize and declare:

Christian mission discovers its foundation, goals, tasks, and the content of its proclamation solely in the commission of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ and His saving act as they are reported by the witness of the Apostles and early Christianity in the New Testament. Mission is grounded in the nature of the gospel.

We therefore oppose the current tendency to determine the nature and

task of mission by socio-political analyses of our time and from the demands of the non-Christian world. We deny that what the gospel has to say to people today at the deepest level is not evident before its encounter with them. Rather, according to the apostolic witness, the gospel is normative and given once for all. The situation of encounter contributes only new aspects in the application of the gospel. The surrender of the Bible as our primary frame of reference leads to a shapelessness of mission and a confusion of the task of mission with a general idea of responsibility for the world. *(to be continued)* ☛

THE NEW AUDIO-VISUALS

Clang, Crackle, Thud Is Dead!

The clang, crackle, or thud that means the slide should be changed; nice soft background music which frequently becomes louder than the narrator; a tape that seems to have several other programs recorded together with the one you are trying to hear—many of you have been conscious of such things in FMS slide-tape sets you have seen and heard in the past. In an attempt to use modern methods to get out the story of foreign missions in the present-day world, the FMS has been using audio-visuals, and yet the attempt has not been backed by adequate tools and know-how.

In spite of the quality of some of the productions, the use of the technique has disseminated the message to a far wider audience than previously. Many children, through the Missionary Helpers Clubs, have learned about foreign missionaries and fields through slide-tape sets created especially for them. And most Brethren people have heard about, and have been challenged to pray for and support new missionary candidates by means of slide-tape sets introducing

these new missionaries.

Audio-visual methods have shown themselves to be effective. They are not new methods. God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush. Jesus taught the disciples His power over nature by walking on the water. In twentieth-century America, the educational system is overrun with A-V devices. The chalkboard is being replaced by the overhead projector. Teaching machines take the place of primers. And plastic cartridges containing film and tape occupy library shelves. Young people today cannot be appealed to with slate board and primer techniques in the church while they are bombarded with closed-circuit TV with instant replay, and multi-image A-V presentations in a world interconnected by satellite communications.

In an effort to produce better quality A-V materials and to expand greatly the program of sending out mission information by these means, the FMS is inaugurating an A-V department headed by Gordon Austin. He, together with his family, served in the field of Argentina for the past five years.

Mr. Austin's background as a technician in radio and his experience in Argentina as a recording studio technician and audio-visual specialist will be a real asset to the new department.

The anticipation is that in coming months top-quality tape presentations will be telling the story of God's saving grace at work in many areas of the world as Brethren foreign missionaries faithfully proclaim the Word of truth. One specific idea is for slide sets especially designed for young people on subjects such as "How Are Missionaries Selected," "Training and Preparing for Foreign Missionary Service," and "How God Calls Missionaries."

Other plans are in the making for A-V materials to be produced. Currently there is the need for equipment. In the new missions building special facilities will be included for the audio-visual department. Many things along the A-V line which will be helpful to pastors and the local church are in prospect. Suggestions as to how the A-V department can be particularly helpful will always be welcome. ☛

We are back home, deep in the heart of Africa at Bozoum—made possible by this jet age, although we were in Los Angeles just a little while ago. The flight from there to here is one we will not forget. We kept a running commentary and would like to share it with you.

Scheduled departure of flight was noon on September 26. But we actually left at 2:05 in the afternoon the next day. This is what transpired in the meantime:

We went up to the waiting room. The 747 we were to take was standing out on the field towering above the other jets like a mother with her children around her. We boarded it at 1 p.m. The plane's interior was so commodious that you could think you were on a ship at sea. After a long wait we were told there was mechanical difficulty with the landing instruments. All the 300 passengers got off the plane, and most went to a hotel to wait. We, along with several others, waited hopefully at the airport until 5:00.

At a nearby hotel we enjoyed a meal furnished by the airline. After resting in the hotel room an hour we were told to line up in front of the hotel. At 10:00 a bus took us back to the airport where our original plane had been replaced by another 747. We took off at 1 a.m. Twenty-five minutes later the captain announced that it was necessary to cut out one engine and dump some fuel. (This was to be a costly flight for the airline.) As we returned to Los Angeles, the captain said, "I guess this is just not our day to go to London."

We landed back at the airport at 3 a.m. and were glad for the tender loving care of our Heavenly Father. In spite of the delay we were safe! A bus took us to another hotel at 4:00 and we went to bed at 5:00. After a few hours of refreshing sleep, we got ready for whatever the day would hold. Our room phone rang at 10:25, and we

were asked if we would like to take the noon flight which was going out. (Before, while we were still on the plane, we had been told that the next flight would be at 3:00 in the afternoon.) So now we said yes, we would take the noon flight. Hurriedly we finished getting ready again and dashed out to the airport bus. We returned to what had become a well-known spot by then—the airport! The passengers made a rather shopworn-looking bunch as they gathered once more in the waiting room. The plane was another 747, brought down from the state of Washington. We got aboard at 12:45—the afternoon of the day after the planned take-off. Again we waited inside a "beautiful big bird" as the pilot called it. About 1:30 an announcement was made that thirty-five people in another hotel had not heard of the change of plans, and they had come late and still had to go through inspections. And then, too, we had added some other passengers from the "day-later flight" to our jolly crowd. Our take-off came at 2:05 p.m. The passengers applauded as they felt the plane starting to move!

After a stop in Bangor, Maine, we proceeded across the Atlantic, smoothly except for a few rough spots. Thanks to our God who rules the heavens!

We had never been in England before, and so were looking forward to seeing a spot of London, but we saw none of it except the airport. Then on to Paris—good old Paris, where we first became acquainted with France during

our studies as new missionaries way back in '51. Our original plans were for two days in Paris, but our delayed flight changed those plans. So, after our evening meal we took a walk, and that was the extent of our seeing Paris again.

The next morning we boarded another plane, a DC-8 filled with Africans and Europeans. Two stops and a smooth flight brought us that night to Bangui, the capital city of the Central African Republic. Almost as soon as we landed, Don was met with the request to accompany the local missionary pastors to a joint ministerial meeting called by the national church. So, after a time of fellowship with the Bangui missionaries, we went to our room in the guest house, pulled out some of Don's clothing, and packed it for the trip up-country for the pastors' meeting. The men got up and left at 5:30 the next morning. This then was our re-introduction to the country that we had come to love for Christ.

How glad we are that He is our Pilot, faithfully at the helm. We cherish His guidance even as we have known it through the years. Pray with us that we may learn lessons from daily incidents, and that we may allow Christ's guiding presence to take precedence over our wills.

**Not Such A
Big Beautiful Bird**



By Mrs. Don Miller
Missionary to Africa

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



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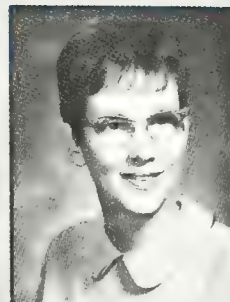
To a Spanish-speaking
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PUERTO RICO

Missionaries serving with

**THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE BRETHERN CHURCH**

Winona Lake, Indiana

**Lila
Sheely**



Missionary
Nurses

To the

**CENTRAL
AFRICAN
REPUBLIC**

**Bruce
Paden**

Missionary
Teacher



**Lois
Wilson**



Missionary Helpers, do you have a prayer card like the one pictured above? It is printed in colors and looks real sharp. We hope you do have one, and that you are praying faithfully for these new missionaries.

Mr. Paden, Miss Sheely, and Miss Wilson all have to learn the French language before they go to Africa, and that is what these three are doing this year—studying at a language school in France.

The Davises went down into Mexico to study Spanish. Really, it was just Mr. Davis who was

studying Spanish, because Mrs. Davis already knows the language; she grew up in Argentina, and as you know, Spanish is the language spoken there. But Mr. Davis became very ill and they had to leave Mexico and come back to the United States. Pray that God will show them another place for language study.

Please pray that these new missionaries will learn the languages well, and also that God will give them good health while they study.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY



Church News

NOTICE

There will be a new plan for Sunday-school quarters in the fall of 1971. The fall quarter will begin with the first Sunday of September instead of the first Sunday of October.

The Sunday-school quarters will remain the same for the first six months—January—June 1971. There will be a "short quarter" consisting of the months of July and August, with the new Sunday-school year and quarter beginning the first Sunday of September. The next quarter will begin with the first Sunday of December.

Churches using Gospel Light and Brethren adult materials will need to adapt the lesson schedule for the two-month period of July and August, inasmuch as material will be supplied for 13 Sundays. Scripture Press plans to publish special materials for the two-month period.

Questions concerning the new proposed quarter plan may be directed to the Christian Education Dept., Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590 or the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Twelve area schools have scheduled Sam Dalton to speak during assemblies in January. Mr. Dalton will minister at the Brethren church Jan. 12-17. A laymen's breakfast has been planned, nightly services and a Saturday rally.

An annual snow retreat for senior high and post grads will be enjoyed on Jan. 22 and 23 at Inspirational Hills. The Conquerors Gospel team from Grace College will be present to provide special music. The weekend will highlight the youth week. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. At the Paramount Brethren Elementary School, in the midst of all the activities and colorful decoration, the highlight of the holiday season was the special Christmas Chapel and the Children's birthday gift to the Lord Jesus. There was a Christmas tree but it wore no tinsel—no bright balls—just offering envelopes, decorated by each giver, containing his or her gift for the mission field of Brazil. The children sang, "Happy Birthday, Gentle Saviour," as they gave their gifts. "... It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

MODESTO, CALIF. The La Loma church showed their appreciation to Max Williams who recently resigned as music director after serving 12 years. Friends gathered after an evening church service for a sing-time with special music followed by refreshments. Max was given a love token as a thanks for his faithful years of service.

An adult training class, taught by Rev. George Cripe, is being offered at the church as a simplified approach to a study of systematic theology. Dr. Alva J. McClain's theology notes are the basis of the study. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

AT YOUR SERVICE—for all of your Sunday-school needs! Pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and secretaries feel free to phone or write to Mrs. Joyce Durkee at the Missionary Herald for needed information. She will be glad to assist you with any questions or problems that you may have... if you phone, the number to call is 219-267-7158. Mail may be addressed to Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. The Brethren Missionary Herald is presently supplying Brethren churches with materials from Gospel Light, Scripture Press, Union Gospel Press, David C. Cook and Standard Publishing. You pay no more by ordering through the Herald Company and yet you are thereby helping the Brethren Church to expand its ministry through the printed page by patronizing your denominational publishing house.

ROANOKE, VA. The fact that tithing works was proved by the Ghent Brethren Church on a recent Sunday which they designated as Thanks-Tithing Sunday. The results of their special effort revealed an increase of better than \$400 in the offering that Sunday.

There were four baptized and several decisions for Christ in recent services. An increase of nearly \$100 was reached over the goal for home missions. Robert Combs, pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The attitude of expectancy is definitely present at the Grace Brethren Church. The visible results seen after the showing of the film "Like A Mighty Army" was sixteen decisions—one for salvation, one for baptism, and fourteen showing a desire to be witnesses for Christ. G. W. Gilgan, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Aiea, Hawaii			
Waimalu Grace Brethren	Jan. 10-15	Edmund Leech	Nathan Meyer
Galion, Ohio	Jan. 10-17	Maynard Tittle	Dean Fetterhoff
San Jose, Calif.	Jan. 17-22	Robert Whited	Nathan Meyer
Rialto, Calif.	Jan. 24-29	Thomas McClellan	Nathan Meyer
Fremont, Ohio			
(Brethren Chapel)	Jan. 24-31	Marion Thomas	Larry Gegner
Bellflower, Calif.	Jan. 31-Feb. 5	Edwin Cashman	Nathan Meyer
Kittanning, Pa.	Jan. 31-Feb. 7	Wayne Baker	Dean Fetterhoff

THE SHOPPING LIST FOR THE NEW YEAR

One of these days I must go shopping. I am completely out of SELF-RESPECT.

I want to exchange some SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS I picked up the other day for some HUMILITY, which they say is less expensive and wears better.

I want to look at some TOLERANCE which is being used for wraps this season.

Someone showed me some pretty samples of PEACE. We are a little low on that and one can never have too much of it.

And, by the way, I must try to match some PATIENCE that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming to her, and I think it might look well on me.

I might try on that little garment of LONG-SUFFERING they are displaying. I never thought I wanted to wear it but feel myself coming to it.

Also, I must not forget to have my SENSE OF APPRECIATION mended, and look around for some inexpensive, everyday GOODNESS. It is surprising how quickly one's stock of GOODNESS is depleted.

Actually, I recommend my shopping list to everyone. Sometimes it is difficult to find all the items, but it is well worth the effort! (From the bulletin of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.)

CONEMAUGH, PA. Construction is well underway at the site of the new Conemaugh Brethren Church. Rev. James Hoffmeyer, contractor, and his crew from Jenners, Pa., are taking advantage of snow-free winter weather in laying concrete blocks. Volunteer help from laymen in the church has aided the building crew to make rapid progress. A visit by labor union representatives seeking to gain the job for the local union workers is causing some concern, and prayer is requested for this matter. Deep appreciation is expressed by the Conemaugh people to the hundreds of Brethren who responded to an item in the *Herald* relating the financial need of the church in demolishing the old building. The need was graciously met. Don K. Rager, pastor.

NEW TROY, MICH. "We praise the Lord for His great blessing in our services with Rev. Allen Herr. There were 37 decisions made during the week, three of which were for salvation. There were other decisions for baptism, church membership and rededication. If you prayed for the meetings, invited others and attended faithfully, you had a real part in this special time of blessing." Gerald Kelley, pastor.

DUNCANVILLE, PA. The Leamersville Grace Brethren Church recently concluded evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Bob Manderson. The Lord blessed with eight first-time decisions and seventeen rededications. John Gregory, pastor.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. An open house was held for Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gring on Dec. 20 in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. Congratulations were offered the couple by members and friends of the church. James Marshall, pastor.

COLUMBUS, OHIO. The two sons of Pastor and Mrs. James Custer were happy to welcome a little sister, Johanna Ruth on Dec. 9.



The young people slept in tents and ate in chow lines.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. More than 200 teenagers from the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Districts enjoyed a "Beach Blast" under the leadership of the Southeast District youth director, Rev. Bill Gardner, and with plenty of assistance from the local youth director and the host church. Tents, 38 in all and all varieties, were pitched on the church lot to provide "housing" for the youth.

Spiritual challenges were given by the "World's Strongest Man," Paul Anderson, resulting in several teens re-

YAKIMA, WASH. In spite of early snow and extremely icy conditions the meetings on the theme of prophecy with Rev. Nathan Meyer were wonderfully blessed of the Lord. Thirty-three decisions were made for Christ: one first time, twenty-eight rededications, two for church membership and two for service. The following two Sundays since the meetings have brought another rededication and four more decisions for membership. George Christie, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. Approximately 200 Christmas tracts were distributed by a group of the young people as their part of spreading Christmas cheer to shoppers. Permission was granted by K Mart, Grant's and the Hirsch Co., for the youth to sing carols in front of the stores, and although there were no offering plates provided, the audiences were so appreciative they insisted on giving money to the group. The young people agreed to give the donations to the Ryan Peugh bank fund that the Beginner's Church is endeavoring to fill as their contribution to the support of the Roger Peugh's little son who lives in Germany. Gordon Bracker, pastor.



ceiving Christ as Saviour and others committing their lives to Christ.

A tour was taken of the United States Naval Base where the youth boarded the largest U.S. Cruiser, the New Port News, which is the flag ship of the U.S. Second Fleet.

Recreation included a trip on a high slide (5 stories high), a moonlight stroll on the boardwalk, swimming in the ocean, and a roller-skating party.

Conclusion—a perfect time in a Christ-centered way. Daniel Eshelman, pastor.

RIALTO, CALIF. Happy, happy were the people as they watched the attendance soar to 185 on the final day of the Sunday-school contest with 47 visitors present. This manifestation of the Lord's blessings was an encouragement to a more faithful service for the Lord in the Rialto Brethren Church. Thomas McClellan, pastor.

STATISTICAL BLANK TIME! Pastors and church secretaries are reminded that statistical blanks have been mailed to all churches, and the forms should be compiled and postmarked for return to the national statistician by January 31, 1971. By conference action some years ago, the delegates from those churches filing late reports will not be seated for the first business session of national conference, and these delegates will thereby miss voting for conference officers. Additional forms or information are available from the statistician, Mr. Kenneth Herman, 107 5th St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

NOTICE. Churches in need of new hymnals are invited to consider purchasing them from the Missionary Herald. Samples of hymnals are available for examination, and will be sent postpaid to churches. Special payment terms are offered for groups such as: Sunday-school classes, men's, women's, or youth organizations who may wish to purchase hymnals as a project. Write for complete information to Charles Koontz, Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CLOONAN, Charles B., eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cloonan, went to be with his Lord, Sunday evening, Nov. 22, as a result of injuries sustained the day before when he was struck by an auto while riding his bicycle. Funeral services were held on Nov. 25. His father is vice moderator of the Santa Barbara Grace Brethren Church. Dale Hostetler, pastor.

GORSH, Alvah, 51, went to be with his Lord, following serious surgery on Dec. 7. A member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar

Rapids, Iowa, Mr. Gorsh served God in many capacities in the church—more recently as deacon and trustee. In past years he has been increasingly in demand as a lay-minister. Until he entered the hospital, he was interim pastor at Calvary Brethren Church in North English, Iowa. G. W. Gilgan, pastor.

HERMAN, Mrs. Jesse, 77, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 8, after a long illness. She was a faithful charter member of Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio; and the mother of Kenneth Herman, managing editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Henry Barnhart and Rev. Lon Karns.

HUNT, Mrs. Gertie, departed this life to be with the Lord on Dec. 18. She was a devout member and deaconess in the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., for 59 years. Her five living children are all believers in Christ and very active in their respective churches, and almost every grandchild is also born again. Her health had been failing for two years. However, she will still be missed by both family and her church. The

memorial service was conducted by her pastor, Don Rager.

HUNTER, Mrs. Belle, 71, went to be with her Lord Dec. 1. She was a charter member of the Grace Bible Church, Fort Myers, Florida, and a regular teacher in the Sunday school until her last illness. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Bernard Schneider, assisted by Pastor Kenneth Carr.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janice Streby and Steve Auten, Nov. 14, Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio.

Marcy Harris and James Oden, Dec. 10, Grace Brethren Church of Toppenish, Wash.

Phyllis Parton and Rand Akins, Dec. 19, Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Wash.

Neva Barr and Ronald Burns, Dec. 19, First Baptist Church, Lapeer, Mich. Rev. Ralph Burns, father of the groom, officiated.

NEW STUDY COURSE FOR GRADES 5-8 DEVELOPED BY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, ASHLAND, OHIO

A new course to give young people in grades 5-8 an understanding of Christian beliefs and practices has been written by Rev. Knute Larson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. It has been developed and used successfully in the church.

Title of the course is *Precepts*, and the material consists of class notes for ten class periods of one and one-half hours each; assignments for each lesson, including parent participation; thought questions; research; memorization and family discussion. Also included is a two-hour test to be done out of class, and a certificate of accomplishment for honoring the graduates.

Subjects covered include:

1. God the Father and Jesus His Son
2. Sin and Salvation
3. Baptism and Christian Growth
4. Christian Morality and the Bible
5. The Church and the Holy Spirit
6. Brethren Church History and Organization
7. Local Church History and Organization
8. Church Membership, Worship, Communion
9. Nonresistance, Sickness, Swearing, Death

The course is priced at \$5.00 for one copy, 75c for each additional copy. A free sample will be sent upon request. Address your inquiry or order to the Grace Brethren Church, 1144 W. Main, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

the Creative woman



By Althea S. Miller

Always Loves

Love, American style, is a sex-oriented phenomena of the day. Love, within the context of human affection apart from erotic involvement is virtually unknown if the behavior of society is judged by the spate of "literature" being spewed from printing presses. Love, the word, is used interchangeably for affection, lust, desire, so that its true loveliness and worth is often lost in a morass of depravity. Are you responsible to project a true picture of creative love?

Love is life's biggest order. For the true Christian it is not a matter of loving or not loving according to one's mood. It is mandatory. Jesus said: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Paul reminded the Romans: "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another..." (13:8). By the time these two passages penetrate your thinking you will react in one of two ways; moan and throw in the towel because you feel unequal to the demand, or you will ask God to love people through you no matter the cost. Then you'll start working—Creatively.

Love doesn't seem to get around to people very generously. Too often love

is equated with need. That's not love; it is greed. Husbands and wives there are who erroneously believe they are giving love to the mate when they are really just filling a physical need. In other areas of their life together, vital aspects of developing maturity are missing. Creative love develops friendship involving both mental and social facets of living together, plus a fellowship of the spirit which is the cement in all human relationships.

Love Remembers the good and noble. Love forgives and forgets the wrongs, cruelties, and sins hurled against it. But these are tragically empty words unless and until you remember the love of God poured out on your behalf even in the midst of life's bitter storms. What God did for you in the past didn't stop there. He is "a very present help in trouble." I know. As I write these words my husband and I are going through a fire where we are wrestling "not with flesh and blood" but against the powers of evil. Apart from the goodness, grace and LOVE of GOD which we remember and daily experience, this incredible encounter could create bitterness and ultimately a broken spirit. Love remembers God; stands tall and strong in the power of His might. God remembers to love; we don't forget that.

Love Responds to the needs of others. Creative love goes out of its way to help meet those needs. The power to go that second mile comes

from our Lord, God omnipotent. Love weeps with those who weep, even if the weeping is precipitated by willful sin. Usually, it is not too difficult to weep with those who suffer. But love also rejoices with those who have something to shout about (which you may not have!). It seems far more difficult to enter into the joys of others than to weep with them, yet there is a need for this kind of fellowship. The creative woman will sincerely ask God to help her "Rejoice with them that do rejoice..." (Rom. 12:15). Love lends a listening ear. By its behavior it says: "Speak, I listen." In recent months the Lord has given me a friend who has bestowed on me the priceless gift of a listening ear. Then she prays with me and for me. Hers is Creative Love. It is the kind I want to communicate to others.

Love Reaps a bountiful harvest of fruit redounding to Christ's glory. This is because love is long-suffering and kind. It takes time and patience and cultivation to grow good fruit on which the human body feeds. Fruit of the spirit demands those same qualities. How can a loveless, lost world learn of the tender, forgiving love of Christ when His "bride" is impatient and unkind? Proffered love may be rejected, belittled and scorned as it was when Jesus gave himself, but if it is sincerely offered, no strings attached, the fruit of eternal life will result.

Love is an always, all ways, anyhow gift; giving, asking nothing in return. This is the kind of love the creative, re-created woman gives to her world. The Bible doesn't emphasize the importance of a woman's love for her husband. I'm convinced this is because she cannot honestly submit herself to her husband without that creative love which encompasses the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of the marriage relationship. Guarded by such love she can submit. The husband is commanded to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it (read Eph. 5:20-30). His was Creative Love. What home transformations would be effected if each Christian man and woman, husband and wife, son and daughter lived and Loved Creatively. Will you accept the challenge?



Is It the Ark?

That's Mt. Ararat! That's where the prophet Noah landed his big boat." The man was pointing to a snow-capped peak not far away. We were enroute from Moscow to Cairo last June and our Russian plane had landed for refueling. The man was a native of the area and seemed pleased to give us the information. The Russian guards ended the conversation by moving him away from us but we took a long look at that lofty peak and we wondered if God's time had come at last for Mr. Ararat to give up its secret treasure after clutching it in its icy bosom for more than four thousand years.

The Biblical account in Genesis 6, 7 and 8 tells the story. Noah was to build an ark of gopher wood, three hundred cubits long (450 ft.). Thus Noah, his family and all the animals were preserved through the flood, after which "the ark rested . . . upon the mountains of Ararat." Through the centuries that have passed since then, many accounts tell of individuals having seen the Ark where the Bible says it rested.

In the days of Babylon, Berosus the High Priest, says Noah's Ark could still be seen on a mountain in Armenia. Some four hundred years before Christ, the historian Abydenos agreed with him.

Just thirty years before Christ, Damascenus writes about the Ark on a mountain in Armenia. Josephus, writing about the same time that John wrote the Book of Revelation (A.D.

By Rev. Nathan Meyer

100), says the stranded Ark could still be seen in his day.

Marco Polo made reference to the Ark as being near the summit of Ararat about A.D. 1300. Eleven years later a Turkish expedition seeking to build barricades against avalanches after a terrible earthquake, reported finding the bow of a ship jutting from the ice pack.

In 1887 an Archbishop from Persia reported having seen the Ark and that the wood was "dark red." He claims to have walked through several rooms exposed at the end of a frozen lake.

About a hundred years ago Hagi Yearam and his father, natives of the Ararat region, served as guides for three atheist scientists who climbed Mt. Ararat to prove that Noah's Ark was just a fable. But to their amazement, they found a huge ship's hull protruding from a glacier. They tried unsuccessfully to destroy it and then threatened terrible consequences to Hagi and his father if they ever told the truth about what they had found. Their report to the world was—"no evidence."

But about 1915 when Hagi was seventy-five years old, living in America and converted to Christianity, he told the whole story to Pastor Harold Williams asking that the incident be recorded to be read when "they finally recover the Ark." Hagi died in 1916

but the record remains.

In 1916 a Russian pilot reported seeing a ship on top of Ararat "as long as a city block." His report prompted the Czar to send two large expeditions to investigate. They reported finding the framework of the Ark. They said it contained hundreds of small rooms. Some huge rooms had fence-like partitions made of upright timbers two feet thick and large enough to hold animals much larger than an elephant. Many cages with tiny iron bars were also reported. In one side was the opening of a single large door about twenty feet square. The boat was built "to have water roll over it." They claimed the wood was from the cypress family so it wouldn't rot and that it was covered

Fernand Navarra holds a model of the ark which he built after several years of research and collection of documents.



with a heavy coat of wax-like paint resembling shellac.

These Russian explorers took complete measurements and many photographs, all of which were delivered to the Czar in 1917. But a few days later the Czar was killed in the Bolshevik Revolution and presumably the records were destroyed.

Meanwhile Roshovitsky, the Russian flyer who started all this, escaped to America and became a Christian. He made a living selling Bibles. He told the whole story in an article called "Noah's Ark Found."

An old man who lived near Ararat told his grandson, Alim, about the presence of the Ark and made the boy promise that someday he would climb the mountain and find it. Alim's parents were killed in a terrible massacre. Years later (1937) Alim, now a fellow soldier of the French mountain-climber, Fernand Navarra, asked Navarra to keep his promise for him.

In 1955 when Navarra made his third climb he finally discovered some of the actual wood which caused him to announce to the world: "I have found the Ark!" One beam was a hand-hewn log one hundred fifty feet long, found deep in an icy crevasse.

In 1969 the search became serious as Search Foundation, Inc., sent its first expedition (including Navarra) to Turkey to gather new evidence. They found additional pieces of the same wood. I have examined one of these pieces myself in the office of Search in Washington, D.C. It was a very dark reddish black and while it was rough it showed no signs of decay.

The president of Search is a retired Seventh-Day Adventist minister who obviously wants to prove to the world that the Biblical story of Noah is really true. He has an impressive board of Turkish and American archaeologists and scientists as well as key political figures. Their goal is to determine the exact location of the remains of the Ark (or whatever it is) and then uncover the whole thing and make it known to the world. (Note: It is now covered with many feet of ice and snow as well as landslides of rocky moraine).

They have two major problems. 1) Money. They need over a million dollars and expect most of it to come from small donations of many Christians. 2) Politics. The Russian border is

very close, and for security reasons it is understandable the Soviet Union does not want Americans spying on their border defenses from the top of Ararat—even though the expedition would be entirely on Turkish soil.

So far severe storms, furious blizzards, frightful hail, lightning, earthquakes, landslides, avalanches, volcanoes and political revolutions—have all played their part in helping the "mountain in Armenia" keep her precious artifact.

But only God knows if now at long last she will give it up by divine design for such a time as this. If I were God I'd let Search succeed. But God is sovereign and He knows what He is



This piece of preserved wood indicates tooling of some type.



Members of this team made the expedition to Mt. Ararat.

doing.

Fulfilled prophecy points on every hand to the soon-coming of the Lord for those who love Him. Remember Jesus said in Matthew 24:37, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." God has also given much evidence to the truth of His Word through many archaeological discoveries. The late editor of the National Geographic Magazine, Mr. Grosvenor, said, "If the Ark of Noah is ever discovered it will be the greatest archaeological find in history . . ."

Maybe uncovering the Ark will be

God's final warning to the wicked world—just before the Lord's return.

One thing seems certain. There is something buried in ice near the thirteen-thousand-foot level on Mt. Ararat. It is made of huge, hand-hewn timber, yet there are no hardwood trees for three hundred miles in any direction. If it is not the Ark, then WHAT IS IT? And how did it get up there—locked in the safety of a stationary glacier?

As news-writer William Willoughby says in the Washington Perspective—"I'm with Crawford . . . On to Ararat!"

Your Silence: Golden or Yellow?

I suppose many of you are questioning why someone in the day in which we live, would say that silence is golden. There are many who are outspoken in the political world; young folks speaking out against the "establishment"; children speaking out against parental authority. Why silence? Let me share with you the reasons behind this title.

Early in the fall we had an "outing" with the teens of our church. We played all sorts of games—including a game of football, then enjoyed a delicious meal of real honest-to-goodness steak, roast corn and other goodies too numerous to mention. After finishing this part of our planned activities, we all gathered around the campfire to sing and have a time of spiritual fellowship.

The sun was setting; the evening was getting quite brisk and everyone

By Mrs. Richard Placeway
WMC President

was huddled around a good rousing fire. One of our young fellows, home from college, stood in the circle to present us with his challenge from God's Word. His first statement was this: "Silence is golden, but most of us are just plain 'yellow' when it comes to witnessing for Christ." For the next few moments I heard very little else of what he had to say. You see these words kept ringing in my ears—"most of us are just plain 'yellow' when it comes to witnessing"—we are "just plain 'yellow' when it comes to witnessing." A young fellow who just finished his first year of college telling me something like that! Just who does

he think he is, were my thoughts. And yet I heard again—"silence is golden, but most of us are just plain 'yellow' when it comes to witnessing for Christ." Just plain "yellow." How true!

The sins of the tongue are many, but the greatest sin of the church is that of silence. One cannot but be struck with the powerlessness and failure of the church. What is the reason for our failure and impotence in the task of witnessing? I believe the failure lies in the fact that believers are "silent" when it comes to sharing Christ with others.

In Acts 1:8, Christ promised His disciples: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" When Christ spoke these words He was not addressing the general public, but the eleven disciples

—eleven devoted men who had left all to follow Him. Only the man or woman who has been delivered from sin's penalty and power can tell of the Saviour.

Some years ago a commuter on the Long Island Railroad was known to every regular patron on the five o'clock local. Every evening as the train raced along its route he would speak to each passenger saying, "Excuse me, but if any of your family or friends are blind, tell them to consult Dr. Garl. He restored my sight. Therefore, I know he can help others." That is witnessing. Confidently, he commended to each one the doctor who had opened his eyes. Personal commitment to Christ is the first prerequisite for witnessing.

The second consideration with regard to the believer's responsibility is the commission. Every born again man or woman is a commissioned individual. Christ commanded, "ye shall be witnesses." You are fooling yourself if you claim to be a child of God and yet disregard His marching orders.

Dr. R. A. Torrey was informed that a minister's son was to be present in his congregation, and though the boy professed to be a Christian, his character and conduct were not at all godly. Dr. Torrey relates the incident as follows:

When the wayward young man came past me as he was leaving at the close of the service, I gripped his hand and told him I was glad to see him. Then I asked "Are you a friend of Jesus?"

"Yes," he answered heartily.

Then I quoted Christ's words, "Ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you."

His eyes fell. "If those are the conditions, I guess I am not His friend."

This is the command of Christ. We are witnesses. By this test, how many *friends* does He have among you readers?

The third consideration indicating the believer's responsibility to witness is the condition of this world. If you need a picture of the world of today, pick up any newspaper or magazine, watch any television program, listen to any radio station, or just talk with any of your acquaintances. Crime, cheating, immorality, cursing, and corruption thrive on every hand. Christians today need a recovery of compassion-

**Silence isn't golden
when it quiets your witness.
In fact one young man
says it means
you're just plain chicken!**

ate Christ-like concern for lost sinners. How much evidence is needed to convince Christians of the certain damnation of souls without Christ?

Leafing through the pages of a travel magazine, there came into view the picture of the Sphinx. That stony symbol of Egyptian mystery settled in the "silent dust of the centuries."

But what struck my attention was the caption underneath. "What secrets she could tell, if she could only speak."

What an apt description of far too many Christians, who are really "spiritual Sphinxes." They seem to believe in a "silent" salvation. How is it with you?

The time is late, the hour of grace is fast drawing to a close, it is time to awaken out of "silence."

WANTED!

Wanted, wanted, wanted,
Wanted men today
Who will follow Jesus
Every step alway.

Men who dare go forward,
Dare to go alone,
Dare to be unpopular
Dare to be just one.

Wanted, wanted, wanted,
Wanted, now, today
Women so true-hearted,
They will dare obey
God the Holy Spirit,
Calling them aside
In the place unusual
Daring to abide.

Wanted men and women
Full of holy fire,
Ready for the battle,
Holy Ghost desire.
Just to be a firebrand
In the Hands of God.
Just to follow humbly
Where the Master trod.

Preaching, teaching, winning
Souls for whom He died,
Reckoning on the promise
Of the Crucified.
You are sadly needed,
You are wanted too,
Jesus here is calling
You—and you—and you.

—Mary Warburton Booth

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words . . . of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed . . ." (Mark 8:38). May these words never have to be true of Women Manifesting Christ. May our witness be loud, vibrant and genuine and not "silent."

VOLUNTEER!

It seems to be the thing to do these days—any cause from working in the ghetto to cleaning up the Hudson River! The Christian Education Department of the Brethren Church is also looking for volunteers—Brethren Student Life Volunteers to dedicate their lives to serving Christ. Many BSLV's will go to Grace College for their training. We can assist these two phases of training volunteers during DECEMBER—JANUARY—FEBRUARY. Give through your WMC now!

At Home in Capanema

By Marcia Wardell

Dorothy Hodgdon says her "call" to missionary service did not come at any particular time, for throughout her life she has asked the Lord to use her where He wants her, when He wants her—His direction, her command.

The youngest of three children, reared in a Christian home, Dorothy was well taught in spiritual things from her earliest childhood. When she was born at Oberlin, Ohio, her school-teacher father was employed there. He moved to another teaching job at Sterling, Ohio, and there the family attended the Brethren church. In that church, under Pastor Mark Malles, Dorothy at the age of seven came to know Christ as her Saviour and was baptized. A couple more moves to other Ohio points followed, and then the family went to Kentucky, where her father taught manual arts and her mother served as housemother for a boarding school. During their five years there Dorothy memorized Bible verses under the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission and attended the mission's camp, where she responded to a missionary challenge and dedicated her life to Christ.

"I sometimes reflect on my growing-up years and think of the things I learned then which have helped me as a missionary now in adult years," says Dorothy. Besides the spiritual advantages, she says, "I think the mobility helped a lot, as our family moved from one town to another several times. Each time there was a new school system and schoolmates to adjust to and a different 'culture' to fit into since each town, in a child's thinking, has a different way of life."

One more move took the family to Pennsylvania. Dorothy experienced some special blessings the summer between her junior and senior years of high school when she worked as a

waitress at the North Mountain Bible Conference at Red Rock, where the sessions were scheduled in such a way that the workers were able to attend most of the services. After her high-school graduation at Williamsport, she went to Winona Lake, Indiana, to work and attend Grace College.

A year later she was married to a fellow student, Earle Hodgdon, and within a couple of years they were living back in Ohio. Then for a number of years they served very actively in their church, First Brethren of Wooster, while continuing to seek the will of the Lord in their lives, and leaning favorably toward the possibility of service on the foreign field. One summer the family went to Vieques Island, just off Puerto Rico, and there Earle served as an announcer for Christian radio station WIVV, which gave them a taste of missionary life.

In 1966 their years of waiting came to fruition. It was learned that a good mechanic could be used on the Brazil mission staff and this seemed to be the place for the Hodgdon, for that was Earle's occupation and a good mechanic he is. The family left for the field near the end of that year. (By the way, the "mechanical" emphasis didn't carry through for long, for Earle Hodgdon, now an ordained Brethren minister, soon became actively involved in the spiritual ministry of church development.)

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The Hodgdon family

In her younger years, Dorothy mentions, "One thing I had decided was not to become a schoolteacher, at least not of grade school kids, but God changed that as I teach our four at home in Capanema." It is a challenge indeed to be teacher for her own youngsters, but without schools at Capanema it was necessary, and the Lord has enabled her to do this capably. The Hodgdon family is so concerned with their work at Capanema that rather than to take the full furlough to which they were entitled, they spent only three months in the U.S. this past summer and then returned to Brazil.

Mrs. Hodgdon makes this interesting observation: "Maybe some of you WMC'ers have read in stateside publications that the Brazilian government is suppressive, restrictive, or otherwise undesirable. That sort of propaganda is invented by people who were expelled from Brazil after a communist takeover was prevented. We are joyful to see that the government is conservative, and is in favor of law and order, of respect for authority, and of self-development. We certainly have no complaints!"

Further, in a personal vein: "We have given our lives to the Lord to go where He wants us. This is the reasonable service of all believers. I must say to the Lord, 'I am nothing in my own strength, I know nothing in my own wisdom, I have nothing to recommend me to You as being worthy of Your consideration.' His strength is made perfect in weakness (II Cor. 12:9). Christ is our wisdom, righteousness and power. We cannot sell our services to Him, but we humbly submit ourselves and all we have to Him so that He can work through us."



This Brethren pastor's wife
attended Grace College. She says . . .

Hooray for Grace!

Well do I remember the day I went to my dear mother and asked her what I needed to do to know I would go to heaven. Although I was only seven years old, Mother prayed with me and I asked Jesus to take my sins and come into my heart. (Hooray for consistent Christian parents!)

When I was in high school I came in contact with some Grace College students. Up to this point I certainly was not giving forth a clear-cut testimony for Christ. Students from Grace sponsored a Hi-C club (like YFC) in my school and week after week I was challenged to live for Christ. It was very much through their influence that I considered going to Grace College. I really had wanted to attend a university (you know, the usual "I-want-to-get-away-from-home fever"), but through the influence of the Grace students I decided on Grace. (Hooray for Christian college students who sacrifice a little time to reach out to kids in need of direction.)

When I enrolled at Grace my full intent was to be an elementary school teacher. I had no thought of Christian service at this time. In fact, if I had known the Lord wanted me to be a minister's wife, I would have gone to school somewhere else.

Anyway, there I was attending those wonderful Bible classes several times a week and chapel every day. It was not that I was so anxious to make the applications to my life—an "A" in Old Testament Survey seemed more important—but God was working on the foundation.

I am so thankful for the systematic Bible teaching I received at Grace. This

By Mrs. Dale Hostetler
Santa Barbara, California

thorough teaching helped to prepare me for the teaching I now do in Sunday-school and Bible classes. (Hooray for professors who unashamedly declare the riches of God's Word!)

Oh, how I remember those Christian service reports at college—every week. The first year I really had to rack my brain to think of things I had done that qualified as Christian service. It never occurred to me to go to my pastor and volunteer as a Sunday-school teacher or teacher's helper. Eventually I had the opportunity of singing in the college choir and then in a ladies' quartet. This put me in front of people as I sang and gave a public testimony for Christ. I remember how my knees would shake, my mouth became dry, and my heart beat wildly. You could probably say I was more concerned about myself than I was about what I was proclaiming. It probably was so, but all I knew was, I could not do it by myself. I learned to really pray for God to help me—and you know—He always did.


Now that Dale and I are married, we are serving Christ in Santa Barbara, California. It is exciting to be in on the beginning of a church. I personally have learned to worship God and feel at home in surroundings other than a conventional church building. We meet in an assembly room which is part of a motel complex.

There is no time to be withdrawn and unwilling to get involved with people. When Dale and I lived in Tor-

rance, California, we had an apartment with surroundings I thought were unbelievable. We called it "little Peyton Place." I was convinced that none of these people would listen to what I had to say about Christ, so I did not witness to them.

After attending a home-missions workshop, I was challenged to try to talk to some of my neighbors. The first one I talked to said she wanted to invite Christ into her life. The second one was a middle-aged lady, who in her childhood had received Christ, but had lived her life in her own way. She really wanted counseling. In due time, all were witnessed to, although the first one to whom I had spoken was the only one to receive Christ. I thank God for the lesson He taught me as I was made to realize that the Holy Spirit is not limited to only work in certain kinds of people—the moral, the rich, the educated—but reaches out to *all* people.

Pray for us. Our desire is that many, many precious people will come to know the Saviour because of the Grace Brethren Church here in Santa Barbara.

Praise God for our wonderful Jesus who enables us to live victoriously in Him. Without Him, Grace College and Seminary would have no commission to fulfill and no God-given power to shape lives fit for service for Him. 

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Retreat at Arrowhead

The mountain bluejays turned green with envy, and hid in the canyons when the WMC ladies of the Southern California-Arizona District arrived in a chattering horde at Campus Crusade headquarters, Arrowhead Springs, on Friday, October 9, 1970, for their very first retreat.

After registration (and registering 114 ladies can be a tolerably long process), Mrs. Leo Polman briefed us, and Mrs. George Peek took us for a brisk tour of the grounds.

Lovely as the scenery was, we had little time to contemplate its wonders. After our walk that included the amphitheater, the village, and the exquisite Atkinson Memorial Chapel, we returned to the hotel to unpack, freshen up, and arrive at dinner with appetites well sharpened by exercise and the mountain air.

The delicious meal over, we met together to hear Mrs. Earl Mooney. She opened her remarks with a quotation from Women's LIB, "A woman's life is unfulfilling," and refuted the premise (from a Christian woman's point of view) with our theme verse for the year: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

The clanging of a bell heralded our dignified president, Mrs. Donald Carter, resplendent in a voluminous red nightgown, with matching nightcap, who warned us "Lights Out" would sound in fifteen minutes.

Then "Lights Out" did sound, and the whispers, giggles, padding back and forth—and anguished petitions to BE QUIET began—and then your reporter went to sleep.

Breakfast was at 8:00 a.m., followed by another session with Mrs. Mooney. This was a practical seminar, considering what can be done in your own neighborhood toward forming coffee-hour Bible classes—and even groups of couples in the evening.

A coffee break gave us time to discuss the presentation, then Mrs. Peek spoke to us on "Missions Around The World," pointing out that while Brethren missions are small in number, each

is strategically located. Then she challenged us to do a bit of missionary work of our own, even if it was only reading the Bible under the drier at the beauty shop or the laundromat. (I tried that. A lady asked, "Is the book anything like the movie?")

This was followed by a skit "How It Is Done," ably conceived and directed by Mrs. Polman, on the subject

—"Interesting the Disinterested in WMC." Dorothy Carter was especially graphic in her portrayal of "Mrs. Dum-Dum," the reluctant visitor who finished as SMM chairman.

Then we broke for lunch. (If it seems we ate a lot; we did. The food was terrific.)

Our final session with Mrs. Mooney concluded the retreat. Then we went back down the mountain, to dishes, diapers, dusting and diets, but with the singing certainty that our lives were not only fulfilling but overflowing with the Lord's abundant grace—and that if He tarries, we're going back up the mountain next year and count our blessings again.—Bettye Crump

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — MARCH

AFRICA

- Mr. Albert W. Balzer March 1
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver March 2
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Mr. Robet H. Juday March 3
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Anne-Claude Waridel March 12, 1963
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miss Gail Jones March 31
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

- Norman Alan Hoyt March 7, 1963
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- Mrs. Hill Maconaghy March 21
Quintana 353, Adroque, F.C.G.R., Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.

EUROPE

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- Mrs. James R. Renick March 12
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- Mrs. Thomas T. Julien March 27
30 rue Gambetta, 71—Macon, France.

HAWAII

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- Rev. Foster R. Tresise March 20
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786.

MEXICO

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5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924.

IN THE UNITED STATES

- Stephen Mark Johnson March 29, 1961
2115 Ostrom, Long Beach, California 90815.
- Mrs. C. B. Sheldon March 21
510 Rose Avenue, Long Beach, California 90812.
- Kenneth Nicholas Davis March 23, 1961
P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

SMM Honor Roll

This year we are very proud to be able to recognize so many girls and patronesses who completed their personal goal. Congratulations ladies and girls! We'll be praying for you and hope to see your name on this list again next year.

The following are girls and patronesses who have either memorized a book of the Bible (or equivalent quiz chapters for quiz team members), read the Bible (Seniors), read the Old Testament (Middlers), or read the New Testament (Juniors).—Pam Walters, National SMM Editor

ALLEGHENY

Reading

Debbie Cox
Bobbie Dicks
Lila Ewart
Helen Hupp
Sheri Johnson
Shelia McDaniel
Lisa Miles
Trudy Miles
Heidi Moreland
Defonda Moreland
Nancy Symons
Barbara Taylor
Vickie Witt
Colleen Yarup

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Adna Coughenour
Ethel Gnagey
Millicent Johnson
Jean Sullivan

AMERI-MEX

Reading

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Lorraine Edmiston
Maria Elena Garcia
Darla Graves
Cindy Lawyer
Maria Quintero
Melody Stroup
Cathy Thurman

Patroness

Alys Haag

EAST

Memorization

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Reading

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Brenda Bowman
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Anita Cousins
Anita Cunningham
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Memorization

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Darlene Jeanette
Mary Male
Candace Miller
Cynthia Miller
Becky Russell
Diana Swihart

Reading

Judy Ashman
Betty Bowman
Susan Deisch
Melody Evans
Maria Given
Susan Guiles
Kathy Hamilton
Darlene Jeanette
Marlene LaBrun
Sharon Linn
Martha Male
Mary Male
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Reading

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Reading

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Carol Viock
Lu Ann Waggoner
Pam Walters

Patroness

Mrs. Iris Markel

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Memorization

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Linda Kisner
Lois Kisner

Reading

Jill Burke
Mary Grant
Lois Kisner
Nora Macon
Peggy Robinson

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NORTHWEST

Memorization

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Annie Mayes
Joy Mayes

Reading

Sheila Adams
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SOUTHEAST

Memorization

Peggy Campbell

Reading

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Stephene Cooper

Patroness

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Memorization

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Nancy Hanscom

Reading

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Reading

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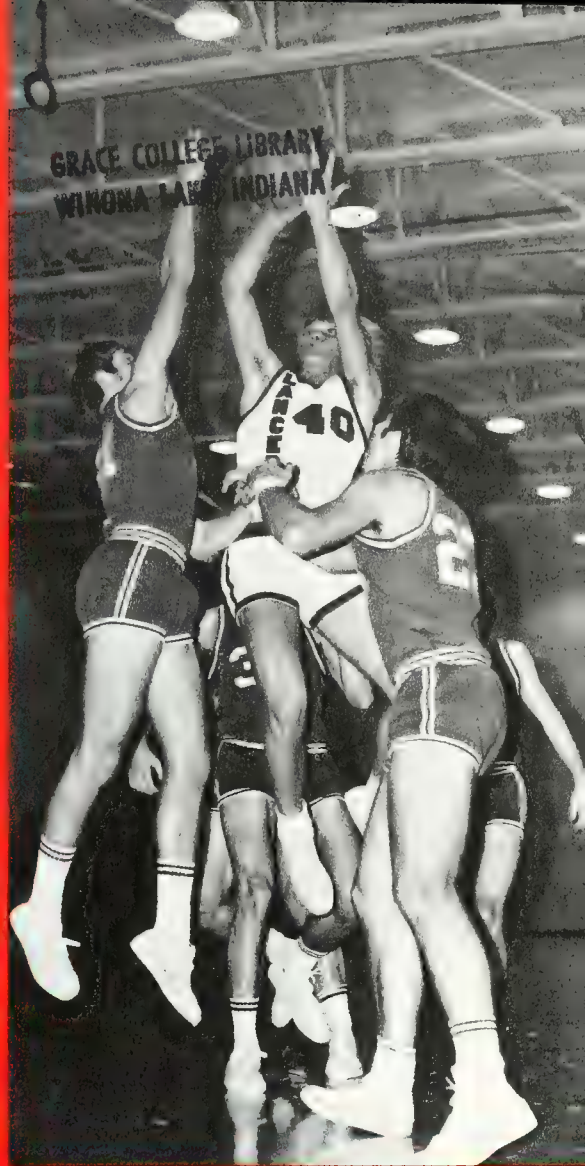
This poem, written by a SMM girl, is a classic example of the different views men take of life and the goals they set for themselves. However, as Christians we should follow the example of the last man whose goal was to live for Christ. This year, girls, let's set our goals high and say: "For to me to live is Christ . . ." (Phil. 1:21).—Pam Walters, National SMM Editor

*I inquired of one man what he wished of life
And he sneered and declared, "Success."
I watched him stumble through life,
Clutching at trivials,
Craving possessions,
Climbing madly up a swaying ladder.
He reached the top in insane triumph,
Reaching for still another height.
Then, missing his grasp,
He tottered for a moment on that top rung
Before plunging into the awful uncertainty
Of endless Time and Space;
An utter failure.*

*I asked of another what life meant to him,
And he clenched his fist and answered,
"Power."
He rose and marched through life
Gaining prominence and potency with every
step.
He became efficient and capable—a dynamo of
a man.
He controlled and swayed opinions,
His forceful, energetic ideas became law.
At the peak of his glory,
Overwhelmed by his own might,
He forgot he was a man. But when other men
buried him,
He was helpless to object.*

*I asked still another man what he hoped
to accomplish,
And, staring at the distant glitter, he
replied, "Fame."
I watched him gaily play at life,
Listened to him laugh,
And heard him praised and celebrated.
He was applauded, admired, approved;
Until the man behind his smile
Grew weary of the game and left his dizzy
world
With only a frozen smile;
And it was soon forgotten.*

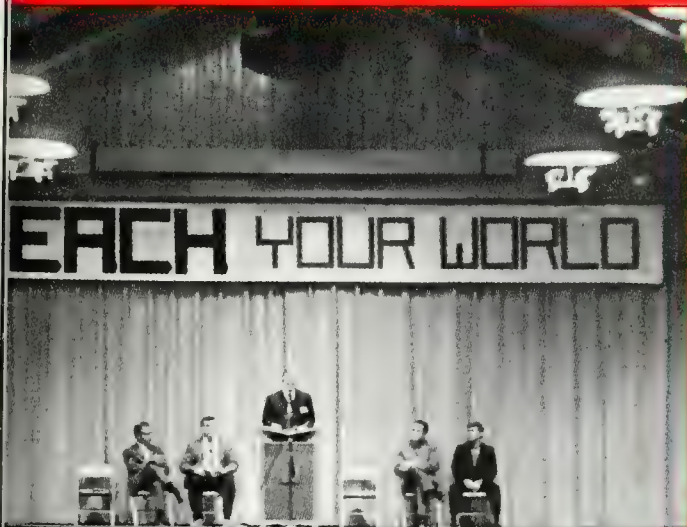
*Wondering that life could be so cruel,
I questioned a remaining, solitary man
What he desired of life.
With a smile of deepest joy he responded,
"To me to live is Christ."
I watched him tread through life
With increasing wonder.
I saw him kneel to pray, stoop to serve.
I saw him beaten and battered with life's
problems,
Without admitting defeat.
I shivered to watch him tortured
Beyond all human endurance. I marveled
To see such peace in the midst of such agony.
I watched him die and heard him affirm, "To
die is gain."
And he smiled. —Anonymous*



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To Many People*

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Life could be described as a group of events held together by a series of decisions. From the time we wake in the morning till we go to sleep at night, we are in the constant process of making decisions. How wise we are in making the right decision will determine to a great extent the total outcome of our lives.

Decision-making then involves two basic parts: one, knowledge—or a body of facts that we *know*. The second element is what to do with the facts that we *know*. This method of making knowledge work is often called *wisdom*. In applying decision-making to the Christian life, we come up with the answer to the question, How effective can we be for the Lord?

We as a group of believers have bound ourselves into a democratic denomination called the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Our goal is to please God by obedience to His Word. The body of knowledge, or the first phase of decision-making, has not been our greatest problem in the matter of Christian development. Our schools, missions organization, and pulpits have retained a firm conservative stance with the fundamentals well in hand.

Now, for the sake of provoking our thoughts, let me ask myself and you a question. How effective have we been as to methods or use of the great Biblical knowledge in our possession? Here we must admit, in varying degrees of admission, that there is room for

Reflections By

Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

improvement. How to apply truth and see effective results should be an item for much thought and prayer. We all know that if two people are given the same basic facts, one will surpass the other in reaching results. The reason why?—the one uses *wisdom* and makes knowledge work. In the realm of the spiritual we have the added factor available of God and His wisdom.

God never varies the truth in order to reach His goals, but He does sometimes vary the use of different personalities as well as methods to reach the goals He has set.

Much of the existing disagreement apparent in our day, often concerns methods rather than basic truths. Care should be exercised to see what we are really disagreeing about.

Our world is in a time of radical change, therefore, caution should be practiced and care given as to the best way to serve God in the best Biblical fashion. I am a conservative in my thinking, along the lines of theology as

well as methodology, but I don't want to close my eyes to good new methods of getting the Water of Life out to a needy world. Let us ask God for a full knowledge of His truth and then pray for the wisdom to apply it. He has promised: "If any of you lack wisdom, . . . ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally . . ." (James 1:5).

All of us at times must feel like a man would who, with a bag of cures was in a land of the sick, but didn't have the knowledge to dispense his medicines to those in need. So we may feel frustrated because of the lack of wisdom to minister the healing potions to a sin-sick world. Never fear nor falter though—there is wisdom from above for you, for me. Ask . . . receive.

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Alaska + 33.6

Nevada + 71.3

Challenge of the Census

By Sherwood Durkee
Promotional Coordinator
Brethren Home Missions

A new American every fourteen and one-half seconds—that is how fast our nation grows. The lowest birth rate in years doesn't halt the increase, it only slows it down. Every twenty-four hours the population jumps by another 6,035 (taking into account births, deaths, immigration and emigration).

Final figures on the head count taken on April 1, 1970, were released by the Census Bureau on November 30, 1970. Total population was 204,765,770, including 1.6 million civilian and military employees and dependents serving abroad. Since the April census was taken our head count gained approximately 2 million more.

In this game of numbers we play

each decade, many dramatic effects are felt through the framed fabric of our shifting society. Occupations which were once the vocations of the majority within the communities are no longer listed as available fields of employment. Necessity has pressured scores of families to forsake standing family traditions and trek off into the new world of the unknown.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is greatly affected by all this population explosion and geographic shifting. It is tragically affected when we do not plan and prepare for the reality of what is now happening and what is in the predicted future. Yes, these are man-made predictions, but dare we not pay heed to the projected analysis of social and economical conditions.

The 1971 *World Almanac* (Published by Newspaper Enterprise Association) suggests four population division territories: the Northeast,

North Central, South and West. The percentage of population growth in each territory is as follows: Northeast, 8.4%; North Central, 8.4%; South, 11.9% and West, 22.5%. The West division contains the state with the greatest increase in the last decade, Nevada—71.3%. I hastily add that our Fellowship does not have an established congregation in Nevada to present the claims of Christ.

Let's look further into the challenge of the census and note the first ten states listed as having the greatest percentage of growth. (1) Nevada, 71.3%—no Brethren church; (2) Florida, 37.1%—5 new congregations in the last 10 years; (3) Arizona, 36.1%—1 new church; (4) Alaska, 33.6%—1 new congregation; (5) California, 27.0%—net gain of 7 churches; (6) Maryland, 26.5%—1 new congregation; (7) Colorado, 25.8%—2 new churches; (8) Delaware, 22.8%—no Brethren church; (9) Hawaii, 21.7%—under Brethren Foreign Missions administration and (10) New Hampshire, 21.5%—no Brethren church.

The *Brethren Annual* (1960) records the membership in the NFBC here in America at 25,333 with 173 churches reporting to the annual con-

ference. The *Annual* (1970) shows an increase of 6,974 members or a total membership of 32,307 with 226 churches contributing to this report. The fact is clear, the Brethren Church in America is growing. Are we satisfied with this growth?

The Brethren Home Missions Council does not shrink from its responsibility in this matter of church extension in America. Ten years ago the Council received in offerings and gifts a total of \$230,365.55 (1960 *Annual*). At national conference, August 1970, the annual statistician's report indicated a total of \$405,338 given to Brethren Home Missions. Sounds great, doesn't it?—it would sound great if it were not for the shrinking value of every dollar in an unstable economy. Our plea to the faithful supporters of home missions is that they, too, will not shrink nor falter in their responsibility to their fellow Americans. Need I remind you of the heartrending moral decay and spiritual decline of our great nation?

During the last ten years The Brethren Home Missions Council has established a western office to assist in the administration of the expanding church extension program. Recently, the Southern California-Arizona District has given much consideration to a closer working arrangement and administration with the total national program. This example of cooperation is imperative if we are to keep abreast with the rapid expansion and urgent needs across our nation. District mission boards are constantly presenting possibilities within their areas for consideration by the Council.

Mission-minded pastors are starting Bible classes in nearby cities and communities. Requests are coming regularly into the office, "Can we count on the BHMC to help if we start a Bible class?" So, the challenge of the census in the United States only more deeply and indelibly charts a course of challenge to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to redeem every opportunity and stand unmovable in our missionary vision to the spiritually lost among our numbers.

Our Lord's return is the only event which would release us from our commitment to our Lord's commission. There is no choice in the matter. As long as our Lord leaves His witnesses here on earth we are to do just that—witness. May the Brethren Church never deviate from preaching the promise of our Lord's return. For it is the imminent expectancy of the calling of members of the body of Christ which compels us to share the Gospel.

If the Lord should delay His com-

ing, what will be the record of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches during this decade? Do we see America as a part of the decadent world for whom Christ died? If so, our mission in America will be carried out through His commission.

Is there a challenge in the 1970 census? Will it motivate us to do more today than yesterday, plan more for tomorrow than today, and trust God to supply the needs for His program of evangelization? GMA

Growth of the States

The chart below indicates the percentage of increase or decrease in the population of each state since the 1960 census.

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| 1. Nevada + 71.3 | 27. Rhode Island + 10.5 |
| 2. Florida + 37.1 | 28. Illinois + 10.2 |
| 3. Arizona + 36.1 | 29. Tennessee + 10.0 |
| 4. Alaska + 33.6 | 30. Oklahoma + 9.9 |
| 5. California + 27.0 | 31. Ohio + 9.7 |
| 6. Maryland + 26.5 | 32. South Carolina + 8.7 |
| 7. Colorado + 25.8 | 33. New York + 8.4 |
| 8. Delaware + 22.8 | 34. Missouri + 8.3 |
| 9. Hawaii + 21.7 | 35. Arkansas + 7.7 |
| 10. New Hampshire + 21.5 | 36. Idaho + 6.9 |
| 11. Connecticut + 19.6 | 37. New Mexico + 6.8 |
| 12. Washington + 19.5 | 38. Kentucky + 6.0 |
| 13. Utah + 18.9 | 39. Alabama + 5.4 |
| 14. New Jersey + 18.2 | 40. Nebraska + 5.1 |
| 15. Oregon + 18.2 | 41. Pennsylvania + 4.2 |
| 16. Virginia + 17.2 | 42. Kansas + 3.2 |
| 17. Texas + 16.9 | 43. Montana + 2.9 |
| 18. Georgia + 16.4 | 44. Maine + 2.5 |
| 19. Vermont + 14.1 | 45. Iowa + 2.4 |
| 20. Michigan + 13.4 | 46. Mississippi + 1.8 |
| 21. Louisiana + 11.9 | 47. Wyoming + 0.7 |
| 22. Wisconsin + 11.8 | 48. District of Columbia — 1.0 |
| 23. North Carolina + 11.5 | 49. South Dakota — 2.1 |
| 24. Minnesota + 11.5 | 50. North Dakota — 2.3 |
| 25. Indiana + 11.4 | 51. West Virginia — 6.2 |
| 26. Massachusetts + 10.5 | |

When God's People Unite

One year ago today, on December 13, 1969, five adults met in the living room of Pastor Herman H. Hein, Jr., to organize the Grace Brethren Church of Kenai, Alaska. Today we had 22 in our morning services, 18 in the evening worship and 19 in prayer meeting Wednesday evening. To many, this may seem like a very small group after one year of existing as a church. It is a small group, but it represents many, many hours of hard labor. This first year we all had to work long toilsome hours trying to make a living in a land where prices are high and jobs are scarce. God has marvelously provided all our needs. We have had to introduce a church where the name Grace Brethren was practically unknown.

We have been able to reach a few. Four families began coming who have since left the community, moving "outside" as we call the lower "48 States." This is a tremendous loss to a small group such as ours. Many people who move to Alaska, seem to be trying to get-away-from-it-all. When approached about attending church, or coming to a saving knowledge of the Lord, they simply smile, and politely say, "perhaps we will visit some day," and that is the end of that contact, except when we go back to see them again. A few respond.

This report may indicate that we are discouraged, but we are far from it. Now let me tell the bright side of the picture. Shortly after we began services on January 4, 1970, one whole family—dad, mother and two sons presented themselves for baptism and church membership, bringing our membership from seven to eleven. About a month later, a family from Indiana arrived and put their membership into the church, making a total of thirteen members. This is still our membership as the charter membership closed yesterday. For these thir-

teen and one other family who attend regularly, we are exceedingly glad. All of these attend every service faithfully. They take an active part in the church. They give of their tithes and offerings to the Lord faithfully. They live separated lives unto the Lord, and are good testimonies of His marvelous grace. For this we praise the Lord, and are glad.

Materially, the year has been a most outstanding one. We can all rejoice together in what God has done. We started in a little, tiny library, and until May 31 used these cramped quarters. Then on June 7, we moved to the Kenai Central High School portables and used three of these until November 8.

The Lord in the meantime had sent Rev. Robert Thompson, the western field secretary of Brethren Home Missions, to be with us for a week of meetings the first of July. He saw the great potential and need in this area, and upon returning to the States he presented them to The Brethren Home Missions Council in August, and they in turn approved the purchase of property and a 24x60 foot mobile unit church. We immediately began negotiations which led to the purchase of suitable property near the high school. Then the mobile units were ordered.

The church building arrived in Anchorage on November 4 and after property development of a well house (dug under the ground because of severe cold weather), installation of sewers, septic tank, cesspool, ditches for water lines were dug, grading of the property, putting in a driveway and parking lot, we moved the building on the property, putting the two units together. (It arrived in two 12x60 ft. units.) This involved two weeks of hard labor because it came as a shell, but with all materials included. Labor was furnished completely by

the members, except for machinery that had to be rented.

We moved into the building on November 15. What a day of rejoicing that was. OUR VERY OWN PROPERTY and only ten and one-half months from the day of our first service. Not only was this so much of a blessing, but the Lord had given us excellent weather, with no snow and temperatures only slightly below freezing, until most of the outside work was done. Only the skirting around the bottom, steps and porches had to be made in weather ten degrees above zero. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

Now we have a church building with an auditorium that will comfortably seat seventy-five people, four classrooms, and a restroom, plus a large parking lot, a private driveway, and a beautifully located lot with plenty of spruce trees.

You may say, "Praise the Lord." But that is not all God has done for us. Listen to this! Here is where many Brethren people share the blessings with us. This beautiful building is almost completely furnished by gifts and projects from our Brethren churches and organizations. Let's begin from the beginning. We left Kokomo, Ind., with offering plates, song books and a guest register. One member even gave us a check for \$20 to open our bank account. (We still have that \$20 in the bank and hope we never get low enough on funds that we will need to use it.) No sooner had we arrived than requests began to come in for projects.

We received funds from the WMC, SMM, Vacation Bible School, Northwest District missions and churches, along with many individuals. Besides the gifts of support, we received \$100 a month from home missions, and \$25 a month from the Northwest District Mission Board. We received money for

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By Rev. Herman Hein
Pastor, Kenai, Alaska

a new Story and Clark piano, a wide carriage typewriter, seventy-two new folding chairs, five folding tables, an office desk and chair, cutting board, a fire extinguisher for the church, a lectern-type pulpit, porches and steps for the outside of the building, and an outside sign.

Other gifts included a flannelgraph board and backgrounds, youth song books, a mimeograph machine, an upright piano, communion towels and supplies, Sunday-school literature and office supplies from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to get us started, letterheads and envelopes, personal gifts for the pastor's family, help for a family in need, and many letters of encouragement. People all over the world were praying for us. And we are not forgetting the great "Minute-Man" response that got us up here and helped us to get started in the Lord's work. Yes, we are also very thankful for the churches who are sending money to home missions for our support.

When God's people unite, things get done. Here is the evidence. We who are in the Alaska Grace Brethren Church are thankful for all the many wonderful gifts of all kinds we have received, and if we have missed any gift, it doesn't mean we are not thankful, only forgetful. Thanks again for all of the most gracious help we have received.

And now pray that our next report will show even more progress, and that we will win souls to Jesus Christ our Lord this coming year. Pray for the dedication service which is still in the planning stage. Also pray for the families who are out of work in this area. We may lose some more families, but we are convinced that the Lord has a job for us to do here in Kenai, Alaska.

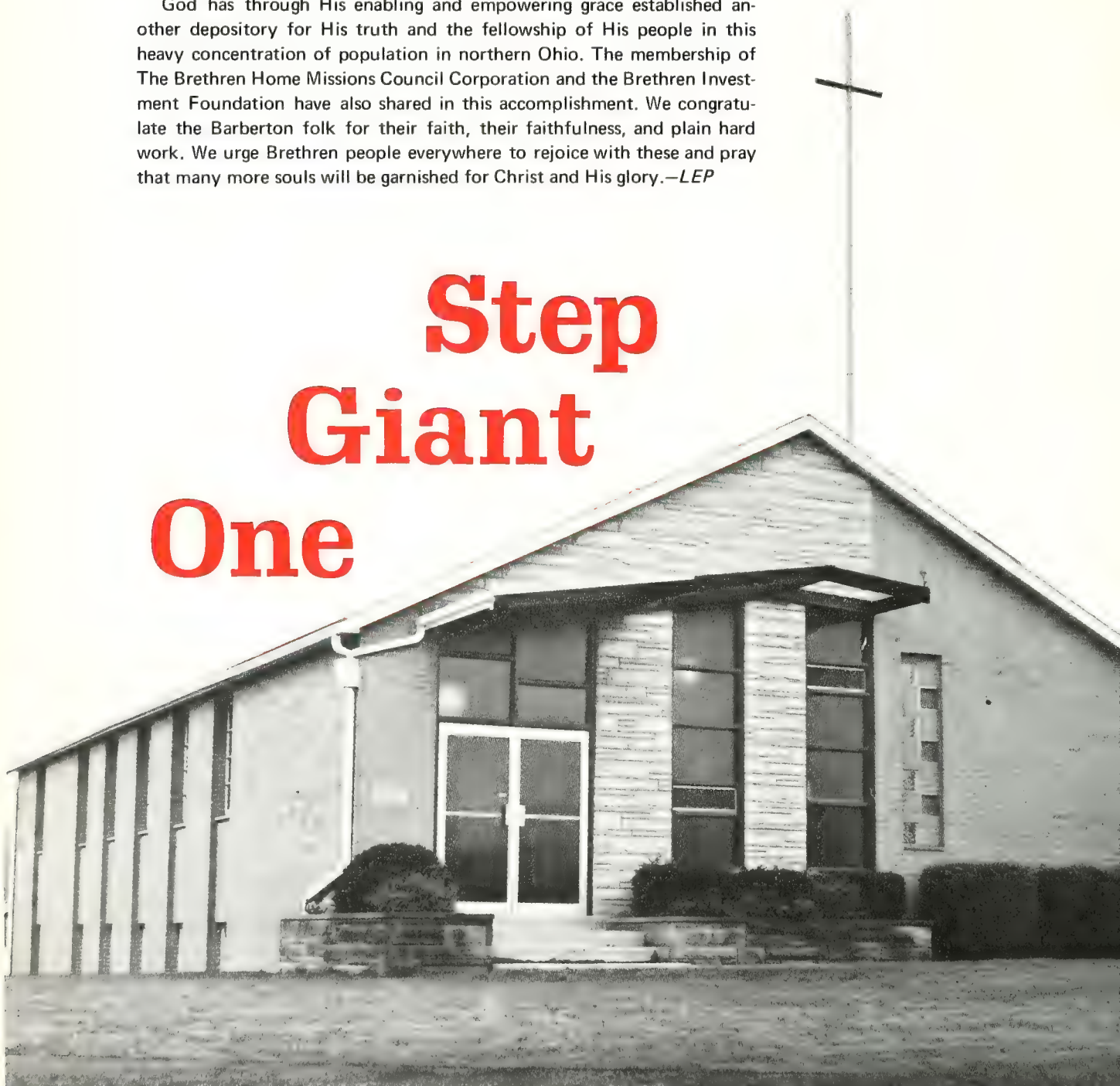


The Barberton, Ohio, church reached a significant milestone in its maturity. January 1, 1971, marked the date when the First Brethren Church of Norton went self-supporting.

Pastors Robert Burns, Robert Markley, Irvin Miller and now Kenneth Cosgrove have provided the leadership which brought this church through its early years. The church, strategically located in a rapidly growing area and on fifteen acres of property, has ample room for expansion. Dedicated leadership, sacrificial gifts of time, talent and money have built a growing testimony for our Lord. The Northeastern Ohio District Mission Board deserves much credit for its contributions, labor and encouragement.

God has through His enabling and empowering grace established another depository for His truth and the fellowship of His people in this heavy concentration of population in northern Ohio. The membership of The Brethren Home Missions Council Corporation and the Brethren Investment Foundation have also shared in this accomplishment. We congratulate the Barberton folk for their faith, their faithfulness, and plain hard work. We urge Brethren people everywhere to rejoice with these and pray that many more souls will be garnished for Christ and His glory.—LEP

Step Giant One



By Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove
Pastor, Barberton, Ohio



Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Cosgrove have had two additions join them in ministering at Barberton.

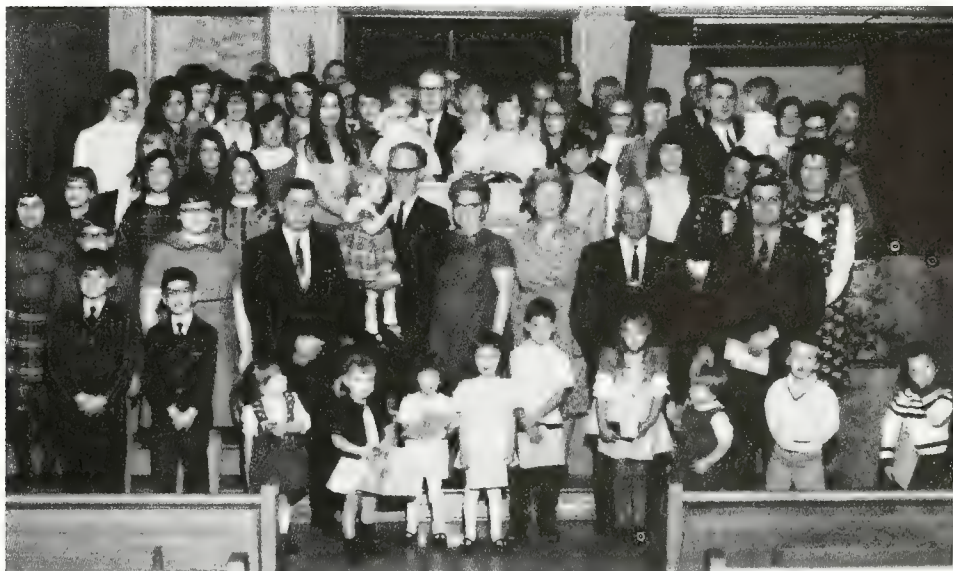
There is no ban on blessing in Barberton, Ohio. The year 1970 has marked the first decade of spiritual blessings and ministry since the dedication of the building in 1960.

On January 14, 1970, the congregation voted unanimously to make this year a banner year and that 1970 would be the last year that assistance from The Brethren Home Missions Council would be necessary.

In the beginning days the congregation was known as the Barberton Bible Church and was later organized as the First Brethren Church of Norton on October 22, 1958. Rev. Robert Burns, then a student at Akron Bible Institute, was called to serve as pastor. Other ministers who have faithfully served in this work are Rev. Robert Wm. Markley (Apr. 1962-64) and Rev. Irvin B. Miller (Aug. 1964-68).

During 1959 the congregation was accepted into the home-mission program of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It was in these beginning years that the congregation moved from the "cheese factory" (Sept. 1, 1960) one-half mile north to

An enthused congregation has caught the spirit of a growing church.



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the present fifteen-acre location at 3970 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Norton, Ohio.

One area of special blessing was that of realizing how the Lord was supplying in the reduction of the property and building debt. This can so easily become a problem area in the life and ministry of the congregation, but the Lord cares for all these matters. Three years ago the people were burdened with the fact that not enough was being done to reduce the debt and pay off the principal. The first goal set was a modest but momentous \$50 per month—and the Lord met the need. So the goal was prayerfully increased to \$75 per month. The Lord provided. With increased faith the next goal was expectantly raised to \$100 per month. The Lord has not failed to confirm His promise to supply our every need. We praise Him for this.

Blessings of decisions for the Lord



The pastor and church members have established a warm relationship.

by our people have been the greatest source of inspiration and challenge. We have seen twelve first-time decisions, thirteen decisions of rededication and fourteen other decisions for a total of thirty-nine for 1970. Five new members were added during the months of October and November. For all of these we are indeed thankful.

But for more than statistics there is praise to the Lord. There is a growing concern among the people here at Norton, Ohio, to reach out into the area

with the Gospel. This is being demonstrated by the growing ministry of the Sunday-school teachers who are calling and contacting their students. This is also reflected in the large number of members who turned out for our calling program in connection with our enlargement campaign. A vision of the potential in our community has ignited a new desire on the part of the people to share our life in Christ with others.

As we go self-supporting in 1971 we go with the realization that the goals and blessings of the past are history. We take this step with increased faith, enlarged vision and higher goals. The year of 1971 is incorporated in our theme, thoughts and slogans. We shall seek to meet the following goals: A membership of 71 by the end of 1971; 71 decisions of all kinds in the services in 1971; each member reaching one other person for Christ in 1971. The theme verse the congregation has selected for the new year is: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

Our blessings are shared with countless others. Brethren people in their support of the home-mission program have had a part in it all. Brethren, pray for us as we take this giant step of faith.

The official board has helped to guide the church through the home-mission period.



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but a talk revealed he was very dead spiritually.

What Made David Say That?

By John S. Neely

The wiry, old gentleman stood that summer day in front of the missionary residence in Los Angeles seemingly unaware of fellow Jews who walked by—I say seemingly unaware because he had very strange literature for a Jewish man to possess tucked under his arm in full sight of those who were passing on the sidewalk. The literature was that which we use in our Jewish evangelism, and some of the titles conveyed the intention of us Gentiles to reach our Jewish friends for Christ. It is quite certain that many in that neighborhood knew us as “missionaries” with a Jewish emphasis. Our wiry friend was “seventy-ish.” Mr. Moe B., in spite of his advanced age, had a sparkle and a spirit about him which belied his years. This man was energetically alive, physically! However, our conversation with him that day revealed he was very dead spiritually.

Mr. B. had come to the residence to talk over “religion” with us, all the result of a contact Isobel had made some ten years before when she sat with the children of Mr. and Mrs. B. He arrived a little earlier than the appointed time, and as we waited for Isobel we engaged ourselves in conversation, mostly one-sided because it was apparent Mr. B. was very lonesome since his wife had gone to Israel some months before, he being unable to accompany her because of his active duties here in the cause of Zionism. My first reaction to him was, “Here is a Jewish man who wants to know more from us,”

but all that he really wanted was for us to listen to him talk! However, in this business of dealing with our Jewish friends it is very wise to give an attentive ear, to let them talk, to listen to them! Our Lord gave a wonderful example of this in His walk with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus that resurrection day.

In those fifteen or twenty minutes, we learned practically all the major events in his life from middle age up to the present—that he had been a European newspaper man on assignment in the United States, back in those dark years for Jews—in the late thirties, when he received news his loved ones were wiped out in a Nazi pogrom. He took asylum in the States, and has lived here ever since. He married again and raised a family. Now he was over seventy and vitally interested in Zionism. He was Orthodox but unlike other Orthodox Jewish people who, I understand, do not favor the Zionism which has strong political overtones.

It was about at this point that Isobel came in and after exchanging a few amenities with Mr. B., the conversation concerning spiritual matters began in earnest. Sally would leave on an occasion to fulfill her part as the “perfect” hostess in preparing refreshments, and then join us as we all engaged in this battle for a Jewish soul—and believe me, a battle it was! Mr. B. was well informed in Judaism and knew his way around the Scriptures!

We led into his views on Messiah and Tenach (Old Testament) as the Word of God. He believed in a personal Messiah and said the Tenach was God’s Word. We questioned him on Leviticus 17:11 and the blood atonement. It was then we got his views on how he would get to heaven. It was the customary Hebrew answer—prayer, penance and good works. He saw no need of a Mediator, to be sure. As other religious Jews he apparently had imbibed the rabbinical teaching that a Jew had inherent within himself the

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strength to lift himself back to a Holy God.

Then came the lightning bolt from this well-read, well-informed man. He asked me a question—did I believe that a little baby was born in sin? When I answered that I did he told me that he would never believe that. I looked at him and asked if he had respect for King David since I knew Jewish people thought highly of the conqueror of Goliath. Oh yes, he had a high regard for David. It was then I took him to Psalm 51 where David wrote, in a time of deep spiritual agony, that he “was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.” Certainly Mr. B. did not think the marriage bed was defiled and that conception in the marriage state was the result of sin.

No, he did not believe that—and then the second lightning bolt came when he asked, “What made David say that?” It would have been very amusing if it were not so tragic. I simply answered that it was because total depravity is a truth of God’s Word, and David was driven by the Holy Spirit to write truth. If only our Jewish friends would believe that they sin because they are sinners.

I suppose he was thinking of the sin question when he apprised me that if he were God for one day, he would make every person good and bring peace into the world. The only alternative I could see with his statement was that he believed God made men evil and brought war into the world—he was blaming God for it all! I stuck out

my chin (verbally) and asked Mr. B., “You are impugning God with sin, aren’t you?” He looked at me, I thought wistfully, and answered, “I suppose I am.” A very honest man, was this Mr. B., and not provoked easily to wrath.

I can still see him standing there in front of the residence with the literature tucked under his arm in that Jewish neighborhood. And, I cannot forget how he turned around before he entered his car across the street and gave us a friendly wave good-by. Yes, Mr. B. was quite a man—a Jewish man I long to see come to know our blessed Lord.

You may know a Jewish person like that—if you do, love him into the arms of his Messiah, Saviour and Lord. ☞

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NOTICE. All those desiring to have their 1970 issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* bound in book form should have them in the Herald office by Mar. 1, 1971. The price for binding is \$6.95 if you furnish copies. We will furnish copies and bind them for \$7.95, postage paid.

LANCASTER, PA. They are doing it again! Dividing to grow. A group of approximately 80 from the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster will be the nucleus of a new Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, Pa. For the present, the Sunday meetings will be held at the Lititz Recreation Center with Rev. Roy Dice as pastor. The church secretary is Mrs. John Felpel, 704 Pine Hill Rd., Lititz, Pa. 17543.

With the missionary spirit of giving away members evident at the Lancaster church there is still a cause of great rejoicing as they recently saw 24 baptized and 32 received into the membership of the church. Arthur Malles, pastor.

KETTERING, OHIO. Rev. Henry Barnhart has resigned as the pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church. He has served as pastor of the church since its founding in 1957, but his present plans call for retirement from the active pastorate sometime in 1971.

COLORADO. Since the parsonage family of the Denver Grace Brethren Church currently resides in Manitou Springs, there was a simultaneous "open house" at both the Russell Ogden home and the Thomas Inman home (the Denver and Colorado Springs pastors, respectively), on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27. A joint service of the two churches in a "borrowed" church was held with 63 present from Denver and 46 from Colorado Springs for a grand total of 109! The service featured the home-from-college young people.

MARGATE, FLA. There is cause here for rejoicing in the Lord for the privilege of seeing the manifestation of the workings of the Holy Spirit as eight rededications were made at the services on Jan. 3.

The team of missionaries who conducted the missionary conference at the church recently was used to bring pertinent information as well as a challenge to more prayer and concern for the testimony that the Brethren Church is giving to the lost of this world. Edward Lewis, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. Congratulations to Rev. Paul Dick as he entered his 30th year as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Winchester. It seems this is a record of pastoral longevity. May the Lord continue to bless this faithful testimony.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Here are some suggestions that will help you make 1971 a happier year: Have a daily quiet time—Make a thorough study of one of the books of the Bible—Read the Bible through this year—Memorize one new verse each week—Ask God to provide someone for you to witness to each week—Increase your giving by 25 percent—Pray daily for your fellow Christians and your pastor—Make realistic efforts to love your neighbor as yourself—Ask God to work the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) in your life—Walk in the light (I John 1:7). Taken from the Grace Brethren Church news letter sent to the congregation by the pastor, Rev. Ray Johnson.

NOTICE. A very important and significant change in the dating of Sunday-school literature is coming this year. Beginning in September 1971, quarterlies will more closely follow the school year.

At present, quarters begin with January, April, July, and October. But beginning with September 1971, the dating of quarters will be advanced one month. Thereafter the sequence of quarters will be: FALL: September, October, November; WINTER: December, January, February; SPRING: March, April, May; SUMMER: June, July, August.

Brethren adult materials will be published the first, second, and third quarters for 1971 as usual, each containing lessons for three months. The Fall quarter will commence with the new dating and will include lessons for September, October, and November.

The Missionary Herald will provide a full third quarter to facilitate this changeover. By including September lessons in both third and fourth quarters, we are making it easier for churches to adjust to the change. Gospel Light is following the same plan as the Brethren Missionary Herald, while churches using Scripture Press Publications will receive special materials for July and August, 1971.

This change will drastically affect the ordering of Sunday-school lesson materials. You will need to place orders for the quarter beginning September 1, 1971, no later than July 15, 1971. This will assure you of having all materials in adequate time.

Once this transition is made, we are sure that the merits will be readily apparent.

CHANGES. Please send all mail for the Lake Odessa Grace Brethren Church from now on to Pastor Richard Cornwell, 12591 Darby Rd., R. R., Clarksville, Mich. 48815. Rev. Stephen Eberle resigned as pastor of Calvary Brethren Church at Jefferson Center, Pa. Please change *Annual*.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Orange, Calif.	Feb. 7-12	L. L. Grubb	Nathan Meyer
San Diego, Calif.	Feb. 14-19	Lynn Schrock	Nathan Meyer

**New Edition of
Modern Translation
Published**

The Psalms for Modern Man was published last month by the American Bible Society as the first complete Old Testament book in *Today's English Version*.

This volume of the 150 Psalms thus joins *Good News for Modern Man*, the New Testament in *Today's English Version*, which the Society published September 15, 1966.

A volume containing both the third edition of *Good News for Modern Man* and the Psalms will be published early in 1971. The New Testament has had the phenomenal distribution of more than 23 million copies in the United States since it made its first appearance four years ago.

Annie Vallotton of Paris, the noted Swiss artist whose line-drawings in *Good News for Modern Man* were so enthusiastically received, is the illustrator of *The Psalms for Modern Man*.

Dr. Robert Bratcher of Setauket, N.Y., is chairman of the *Today's English Version* Old Testament Committee, a group of scholars who already have devoted more than two years of effort to translating the Old Testament into modern-day English. The complete Old Testament is slated to be published in 1975.

An example from *The Psalms for Modern Man* is Psalm 122, as follows:

In Praise of Jerusalem

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the Lord's house!"
And now we are here,
standing inside the gates of Jerusalem!
Jerusalem is a city restored
in beautiful order and harmony!
This is where the tribes come,
the tribes of Israel,
To give thanks to the Lord,
as he commanded them.
This is where the law courts are,
where the king judges his people.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May those who love you prosper!
May there be peace inside your walls,
and safety in your palaces."
For the sake of my friends and companions,
I say to Jerusalem, "Peace be with you!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our
God,
I pray for your prosperity.

(Editor's Note: This is not intended as an endorsement of the version, only as a news item.)

PLEASE NOTE. The name of Miss Johanna Nielsen was inadvertently omitted from the FMS listing in the *Brethren Annual*. Please add on page 39: Miss Johanna Nielsen, 1819 Pine Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90806. Miss Nielsen is a retired missionary having served the Lord faithfully on the Argentine field for many years.

PORTIS, KANS. Prayer is requested for a Bible class sponsored by Jim and Bonnie Berg and taught by Rev. Bill Stevens, pastor of Portis First Brethren Church. These classes are conducted in Colby, Kans. Bill Stevens, pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA. "Robert Firl Sunday" was a time of real joy at the Grace Brethren Church as they welcomed home their "son" in the Lord. It was some years ago at this church that Bob came to a saving knowledge of Christ and was taught the Word as a young Christian, and also where he dedicated his life in full surrender to the Lord to be used where He would lead. The present place of service for Pastor Firl is at Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church, Arvada, Colo. While visiting in Meyersdale, Bob was guest speaker at both the morning and evening worship services as well as honored guest at a fellowship meal where the food was enjoyed along with a time of reminiscing. Robert Burns, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. New records for the past year were broken in every service on a recent Sunday at Huber Heights Brethren. There were 65 at the morning worship service, the youth fellowship recorded 25, and 68 were present for the evening worship. The Sunday school saw an attendance of 84 as a grand finale to a six-week contest. There were 72 "Happy Huber Heighters" at the Pizza Party where the losing team of the contest hosted the winners. James Poyner, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The place of Russia in prophecy is being examined at the First Brethren Church for the month of January during the morning worship services. This series of studies is bringing to light the fulfillment of many prophecies found in God's Word in light of current events and world conditions. M. L. Myers, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hoffman extended an invitation to the members and friends of the church to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27. Congratulations to the Hoffmans. Ward Tressler, pastor.

KORNTAL, GERMANY. The Roger Peughs were most happy to receive their New Year's Baby a few days early as Philip Lyle arrived on Dec. 29, 1970. He came as an addition to our missionary family (Roger, Nancy and Ryan) who are serving the Lord, and the Brethren Church, in this land. Mr. and Mrs. Peugh are praising the loving Father for providing a temporary home for them in Germany and covet your prayers as they endeavor to be faithful witnesses for Him.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

NISWONGER, Minnie, 80, departed this life on Dec. 23, and the memorial service was conducted Dec. 26 with Rev. Russell Konves and Rev. J. C. McKillen officiating.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Brenda Carroll and Gerald Benien, Aug. 1, 1970, at the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Radford, Va.

Janice Streby and Steven Auten, Nov. 14, Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio.

Virginia Crees and David Plaster, Dec. 18, Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Rev. Robert Crees, assisted by her brother-in-law, Rev. Donald Rough of Johnstown, Pa.

Carol Cake and David Winter, Dec. 19, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Mary Jane Graham and Abelino Reyes, Dec. 21, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa.

NFGBM NEWS

Indiana

The monthly men's breakfasts at the **Leesburg Brethren Church** have been averaging seventeen in attendance. A recent ham and bean supper saw sixty men and boys gather at the church for fellowship, singing and a film, *The Weekend With Champions*.

The fall "Buttons and Bows" Banquet for the entire **Indiana District Men** drew a whopping attendance of approximately 200 persons to the Heritage House in Fort Wayne. Main speaker was Don Ogden of Grace College, who brought with him a men's trio.

The affair was keyed to a "dress-up night" atmosphere. "It was just a good 'fun-night-out,'" commented one person who attended.

The Indiana District is pointing toward district conference, April 16-18, at Winona Lake, where Ed Jackson, NFGBM executive secretary, will be the featured speaker to the men's meetings.

Ohio

The Fall Retreat for the men of the **Northcentral Ohio District** drew eighty-four persons, with the Grace Brethren Church of Galion winning the attendance trophy.

Fred Jennings, of Akron, was the speaker, and a musical package was presented by the Merrill family, of Savannah, Ohio. NFGBM Executive Secretary Ed Jackson presented a national charter to the Northcentral Ohio District Grace Brethren Men.

The Men's Retreat for the **North-eastern Ohio District** was held at Inspiration Hills, with speakers James Custer, Ron Picard, Ed Jackson and Kenneth Ashman.

Highlights of the two-day conference were the three well-gearred workshops.

An Interview With Ed Jackson

MEN ON THE GO

What have your initial months been like as the first executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men (NFGBM)?

Jackson: Busy. 15,000 miles worth. Eight states and districts of the National Fellowship of the Brethren Church. Speaking on an average of eight times weekly in pulpit ministry, workshops, organizational meetings, and men's retreats. We've seen many decisions and commitments of lives to the Lord's work.

What spirit is there among the men in churches you visit?

Jackson: The men in the Brethren Church *want to do something* for Christ. They have a tremendous spirit. And pastors are interested and cooperating in every way.

What are your goals for 1971?

Jackson: No numerical goals, except for the goal of visiting every district in the fellowship before conference time in August. But, we hope to begin building a group of "faithful men, . . . able to teach others also."

Have you seen an increase in the number of applications for local charters in recent months?

Jackson: Yes, an encouraging response. Men are interested in doing those things collectively that they can't do alone. One vital, collective activity is praying together as a group of men.

How are funds?

Jackson: The Lord has answered our prayers relative to funds. All of the needs have been met.



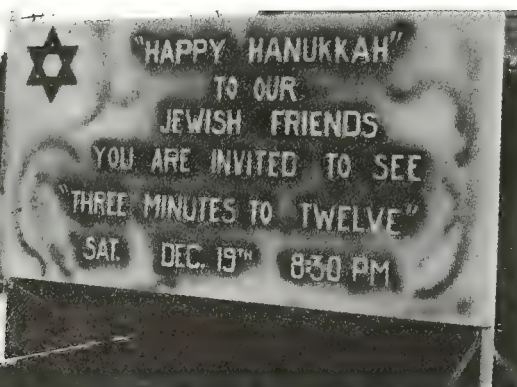
Edward Jackson
Executive Secretary, NFGBM

What projects are you planning in 1971?

Jackson: We don't have projects in the NFGBM. Our single project is to motivate men to work with young men, boys' clubs, Christian Service Brigades that they might find themselves "faithful men, . . . able to teach others also."

I think we can guess what the theme verse is for this year in NFGBM.

Jackson: Right—II Timothy 2:2 . . . "faithful men, . . . able to teach others also." I hope this is our theme verse until the Lord comes. I am not in favor of changing every year. If we follow this one admonition, we'll have plenty to do.



For a long time we had talked about it. Could it be done? Could the church reach the Jew for Christ . . . individually, that is, and not through the missionary? Could Jewish people be brought into the church to fellowship with Christians and, perhaps through this gesture of friendship and goodwill be led into a closer relationship with their Messiah?

Se we, of Grace Brethren Church in Albany, Oregon, chose December 19 for THE DAY. It dawned bleak and foggy. (Not the usual weather for beautiful Oregon, I'm told—the "usual" weather being a downpour lovingly described as "mist.")

Two weeks previously a four by eight foot sign had been erected outside the church and floodlighted. On the side facing the main highway, in bold blue letters against a background of shining white with a big Star of David in one corner, were the words: Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. We invite you to see "Three Minutes to Twelve" on Saturday night, December 19, at 8:30. On the other side facing the other highway (both roads lead to I-5 on-ramps) were green letters against a background of white with a red cross in the corner. They said simply: A Blessed Christmas to our Christian friends. You are invited to see "Three Minutes to Twelve" on Saturday, December 19, at 8:30 p.m.

Well! For two weeks the neighbors had stiff necks and passing motorists almost fell out of their automobiles as they sought to read both sides of the

Happy What?

sign. We had already distributed special invitations to our Jewish friends. They were typed neatly on colored paper containing an Old Testament verse of Scripture. A menu had been included. The menu, of course, being a traditional dinner of potato latkes (pancakes), sour cream, applesauce (my own special recipe which includes cocoanut, spices, and orange marmalade), cookies and coffee. We had spent much time in prayer that Jewish people might attend. Then we almost fainted when our prayers were answered! Isn't that human nature?

If I might draw an allegory, the events of THE DAY were almost Jewish! We had ordered material from Los Angeles, the Jewish-American Bookstore in Fairfax, but it hadn't arrived. At the last minute we had to round up all our treasured mementos from our years of service in Jewish missionary work. Remembering weddings I have known, and remembering how beautifully they turned out *in spite* of everything, we just took aspirins and hoped for the best.

First we set the tables. One table was in Hanukkah decor. Since we lacked adequate decoration, we added various Jewish objects that made the table interesting and sparkling with beauty. The other table sparkled with Christmas decorations. And just to be safe, I hung a sprig of mistletoe over the Hanukkah table!

We had told everyone we intended to serve promptly at 7 p.m. and to please be there. Strangely enough, *they were!* But we (my husband and I) weren't ready! The oil wouldn't get hot; the skillet wouldn't brown; the latkes were too thick. It was a mistake! It would never work out! Why had we decided on such an experiment? There were no Jews! But, some-

how, everyone was finished; a plate of latkes was left over, and there were Jewish faces at the tables!

I made the rounds then, greeting guests. One man, who had come in late, merely picked at his latkes. No good? I must confess I didn't ask him! Jewish people are so precious! There is little hypocrisy in their makeup. If he hadn't liked my latkes and if I had asked him, he would have told me. So it was another time to hope for the best and not ask questions!

We had a time of fellowship together. I had taught one of the children to sing: "I Have A Little Dreidl." Everyone enjoyed the little song and especially, I feel, our Jewish guests. Then Pastor Button told our church family the meaning of Hanukkah and explained the Jewish articles on the Hanukkah table. There was a short, concise testimony of why WE believe in Christ as our Saviour, and then everyone went upstairs to view the extremely gripping "Three Minutes to Twelve" which is timeless and bears a tremendous testimony.

Even after the dinner two strange Jewish men came to see the picture. I quickly introduced them to each other so they might sit together and not feel so alone. Our church family, of course, did everything in their power to make the guests feel at home and wanted in our church.

What did our little experiment

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In a Church?

By Mrs. Leanoire Button
Pastor's wife, Albany, Oregon



Grace Seminary Changes Curriculum

The faculty of Grace Theological Seminary, in its continuing review of its curriculum, has adopted certain program changes for implementation beginning with the academic year of 1971-72, according to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., dean of the seminary.

At the heart of these changes lies the conviction that there are no shortcuts to adequate preparation for the Christian ministry, and that a thorough and extensive knowledge of Scripture, including the original languages, should be basic of all theological education at the seminary level.

The following changes are being instituted: The seminary will offer the Master of Divinity degree in two programs, both requiring ninety-five hours and a monograph or thesis: a. The Master of Divinity degree with specialization in Christian education. b. The Master of Divinity degree in Interdepartmental Studies.

Students will no longer be admitted to the two-year Master of Religious Education program, and when students presently in the program have graduated or converted to the new curriculum, the M.R.E. degree will be discontinued.

A basic core curriculum of eighty-three hours will be required of all students. This core curriculum incorporates certain changes from the present required courses.

The remaining twelve hours will be available for specialized studies according to the student's interest. The student who elects the curriculum leading to the Master of Divinity with specialization in Christian education, will take these twelve hours in Christian education following an expanded departmental curriculum. Those who desire the Master of Divinity in Interdepartmental Studies may take their twelve hours among the departments without being restricted to any one.

The requirements for the Diploma in Theology are being reduced from ninety hours to eighty hours.

The seminary is also inaugurating a one-year certificate program designed to meet the needs of those whose academic preparation does not qualify them for more extended study, or whose personal circumstances make a longer course impossible or inadvisable. A limited number of students each year may be admitted by special action of the faculty. This program consists of thirty hours, requires a 2.0 grade point average for completion, and leads to the Certificate in Biblical Studies.

Students now enrolled in the seminary in the M.R.E. and M.Div. programs may continue in the present

curriculum and take their respective degrees. Those in the M.R.E. program may shift to one of the new forms of the M.Div. curriculum, provided that they meet all of the new curriculum requirements.

Students in the M.Div. program may shift to the new curriculum, provided that they meet all of the curriculum requirements for graduation.

It is the sincere desire of the faculty that these changes in the programs offered by Grace Seminary will reflect their deep concern for the quality of theological education, and will increase the effectiveness of the seminary's ministry.

Jenkins a Chaplain Again

Chaplain C. Lee Jenkins, who retired from the United States Navy on July 1, 1970 as Commander in the Chaplain Corps, is now serving as chaplain for Grace College and Seminary.

An alumnus of Grace, Chaplain Jenkins received the Bachelor of Theology degree from the seminary in 1950. He had previously attended Bob Jones College and Miami University.

Jenkins had been in government service for a total of twenty-six years, first in the U.S. Marines, and from 1952 as chaplain in the U.S. Navy. At the time of his retirement, he was Base Chaplain at the U.S. Naval Base in Key West, Florida.

Chaplain Jenkins is now Christian Service Director for Grace College in a program designed to involve the students in practical Christian work.

He and his wife, Janis, live in Winona Lake and are members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Robin Lee) Stoll, graduated from Grace College in 1969 with the B.S. degree; and their son, James Thomas Jenkins, is a freshman at Grace.



Chaplain Jenkins provides a special place to go when problems arise.

Youth, Are You Ready?

Some bright morning, the trumpet voice of the Son of God will announce, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). That may be very near at hand, and again, it may be in the distant future. But it will be when the Son of God comes. His coming will mark a transition to a new order of things. The old order will pass away and a new order will be ushered in.

But until then, we must expect that there will be a continuation of the present order of things. The sovereign Son of God is working all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11), and all these things are weighted in favor of the saints (Rom. 8:28). This does not mean that the saints will not confront problems and most trying situations. It does not mean that the saints will not be called upon to exercise persistence in the face of difficulty and perhaps undergo persecution. But it does mean that the outcome for good is assured.

This means that the trends of 1970 will continue on into 1971 and perhaps with greater intensity as they move toward culmination. There will be wars and rumors of wars. There will be famines and pestilences in many places. There will be nation lifting up sword against nation. There will be earthquakes, tidal waves, tornadoes, storms of various kinds. Worst of all, evil men and seducers shall be waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Let us not imagine that what is happening in this nation is peculiar to this nation. The only difference is place,



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and degree. The kinds of trends are universal. We are facing inflation in this country. There seems to be no evidence anywhere that this financial trend will change. There may be some evidence that this trend is being felt in lesser degree in other nations, but that is doubtful. The foreign mission societies can witness to the new perils they face in meeting the budget needs of the missionaries on foreign fields. God's people need to gird up their loins to meet these increased responsibilities so that the work of God in this age may accomplish its purpose.

The unrest on campus is not peculiar to the United States. Youth across the world, and especially on campus, is reacting the same way. The explanations are multiple, but for the most part the causes that are cited are really the consequences of something, which is either ignorantly or purposely bypassed. There is a spirit of lawlessness that is sweeping the world which is the by-product of the philosophy of humanism. Ideas are sure to have consequences, and a philosophy which removes God from the scene and exalts man to the position of determining his own morality is bound to produce confusion, lawlessness and anarchy.

The spirit of nationalism or racism as the case may be is running its course through the whole of human society. It is in our own beloved United States, but not confined to this country. It may be found on all the continents and in all the nations. This is being felt in lands where foreign missions operate. There is some question how long these countries will be open to missionary enterprise. But this is no time to draw back. The marching orders of the Christ have not been withdrawn or changed. Nor will they be changed until Christ comes for His own.

The transition into a new year does not mean that God's people shall capitulate to the trends in operation. Now is the time to renew our efforts for the Lord Jesus Christ. The time of the end is drawing nearer and nearer, and now is the time to buy up the opportunity to do business for Him.

Young people are bursting with energy to break free from the dead and depressing trends as they see them. They think it is time to destroy the establishment. Perhaps they are right, if they can clearly isolate what they feel is holding up the progress



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toward a meaningful world.

But great care must be exercised to isolate the area which needs to be changed. Apart from the Bible it is impossible to locate that area. Within the limitations of a sin-darkened mind, it is possible to destroy the right thing and put in its place something that is unequivocally wrong. Something really worse than that which is destroyed.

But there is a place where the energies of youth can be utilized without stint, and that is in the cause of Christ—rescuing the world from its sin and woe. It was a group of young men who caught the vision of Christ in the early days of the Christian era. To them Christ devoted himself, and these men caught up the torch and carried it forward into a world of darkness and bondage in the face of a hostile world. The call of the Christ, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" was answered and a revolution was begun that has never yet run down.

As this new year begins, that call rings fresh and strong across the years to the youth of this generation. Youth, are you restless? Answering this call will use up every bit of energy you have. Youth, are you disheartened? Answering this call will put heart into your activity of which you have never dreamed. Youth, are you without hope? Answering this call will kindle hope in your bosom which will light the way through life with an ever-expanding glow. Youth, are you plagued with monotony? Answering this call will fill your life with activity and variety so that never again will there be a dull moment. Youth, are your days without meaning? Answering this call will suddenly flood the future with the infinite values of God himself, and every act from the cup of cold water to the crowning of the King will take on new meaning.

Is it better to go through college with a roommate or a wife? This discussion may help answer that.

My Roommate Is My Wife

By Greg Ryerson
Senior, Grace College

Within twenty years my group will control Grace College. Right now we are a campus minority group, but we are multiplying rapidly. You would call us radicals, I suppose.

We are the Married Students, truly a campus minority. We must be radicals, or none of us would have made the "radical" change from dormitory life to married life. And don't worry about our taking over Grace College within twenty years. By the time our children (I *told* you we were multiplying!) are old enough to be Grace students, we probably won't have much control over them any more!

Seriously, though, as a married student, I have faced some great academic, social, financial, and spiritual changes in my life. Having a wife—and a family, someday—has affected my goals, my maturity, every pattern of my life.

What happens when a college student exchanges a roommate for a spouse? Does it work (in spite of many parental warnings)? Does college interfere with a married couple's relationship?

I've often wondered how these changes affected my married friends. So recently I compared notes with some of them, and we decided to share our answers. All those who made comments are Grace College upperclassmen from a wide variety of backgrounds and with a wide diversity of future plans—from artwork to teaching, from pastor to housewife. I talked with Margie Robertson, Penny Miller, Glen Nichols, Alice Kinley, John McIntosh, Bob Hoy, and Jerry Teeple.

When asked if good grades were more important now than they were before marriage, all of the women said no, while most of the men answered yes. This may be an indication that married women quickly find other interests outside school, while married men see the need to make the best of their college education in preparation for life.

Now that you are married, has there been a change in the amount of time you spend studying for each class?

ALICE: Yes. I think I study less and at later hours than before, because I have more to do at home.

JOHN: When I was a freshman in college I was engaged to be married. I would sit down to study and end up writing a letter. Sometimes that would

take a couple of hours.

It is a widespread belief that marriage, with its outside pressures, causes many students to take a lighter academic load, thus lengthening the number of semesters or years required to finish college.

Will being married require you to lighten your academic load?

PENNY: Yes, I've cut down from an average of eighteen hours to sixteen per semester.

Everyone questioned said marriage would not force him to prolong the years he worked for his college degree. And here is a surprise for anyone who thinks that married life interferes with studying:

What kind of an effect, if any, has marriage had on your grades?

PENNY: My grades are better now.

GLEN: It has brought my grades up about two letters.

JOHN: Well, if you want some statistics, my first semester as a freshman (when my studying consisted of letter writing) I had a 1.03 average and was on academic probation. My first semester of married life it jumped up to 2.98.

BOB: My grades have gotten better, because Lois pressures me about studying. That's good, though, because sometimes I put things off too long when I don't feel like studying.

JERRY: I have been lucky. My grades are better.

Next I wanted to find out what effect marriage had upon a student's social life. Answers varied.

Has your interest in campus activities changed since being married?

MARGIE: I think I am still as interested as I ever was.

GLEN: I think maybe my interest has decreased somewhat.

BOB: I don't care much about campus things any more. My life isn't centered there now.

Are you able to participate as much in campus activities as you did before you were married?

ALICE: No, I am on campus a lot less; I feel like it is harder to get to know new students. It seems like we always have other things to do. And especially, now that Ron has graduated, he doesn't care as much about class activities.

JOHN: No, we don't have the time to get as involved as we would like to. But now we find fellowship with other married couples. When we plan activities we have to plan with each other in mind; so we find that our activities end up centering around our married friends more.

Have activities outside school taken a greater part in your life since marriage? And have these outside things replaced school-oriented activities? Also, what types of activities outside school do you now have?

MARGIE: My job takes more time now.

GLEN: I spend more time on my studies.

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PENNY: I spend more time outside school than I used to, especially taking care of my home.

ALICE: I've cut out school activities more. I still do things with individuals, but not as much with planned activities, like helping with the homecoming float, and so on. We have taken charge of a youth group at church. Also, I am able to see more of my family (my mother and father) than when I was living in the dorm.

JOHN: I spend more time studying now—especially my Greek! We are sponsors for the junior high youth group at Warsaw Community Grace Brethren, and my wife has joined the choir.

BOB: I do more at church, but it isn't a matter of more time. I am not as interested in campus happenings any more, and I don't feel like a part of the community yet. I guess if I didn't stay home in the evenings—if I was out participating in other things—I wouldn't see much of my wife. We do spend more time with married friends, but not in group activities. It's different from before we were married, when we spent all our time just with each other.

Are you more involved in church activities now that you are married?

ALICE: Yes, because I think we have more time to plan things together.

JOHN: Yes. For example, when I got married I became a member of the church I was attending.

BOB: After we got married we became members of the church.

The effect of marriage upon service for the Lord seems to vary with the

situation.

Has marriage had any effect on your Christian service?

MARGIE: Yes, it's harder for me now, and that really makes me feel sick.

PENNY: Yes, it's dropped off a little.

GLEN: Yes, I'm more involved.

JOHN: I've become more involved. I was an usher before I got married. Afterward we decided to get more involved so we took on the youth group.

Has marriage affected any change in the type of Christian service in which you have an interest?

MARGIE: Yes, Ed was always interested in Christian camp work; and now his interests are my interests.

PENNY: Yes, I'd rather do things with Dan, even like baking a cake for his Christian Service Brigade group. I feel more a part of the church now, more stable. Now we're not just "visiting college students," we're part of the group.

GLEN: Yes, because I have time to do things I didn't before—like helping with the district quiz team, and so forth.

ALICE: Now it is more a matter of arranging my time and thinking around what Ron wants to do. Now he wants to get involved in Stockade and quizzing, and I have to think how I can help him.

JOHN: Not really, except that before I was married I didn't feel qualified as a single person to take over the youth group.

Do friendships with other individuals change after marriage? Most agreed that relationships did change, but *how* they changed depended on the individual.

How has marriage affected your contact with your college friends?

MARGIE: I haven't seen some of them in weeks! But now we're really happy to see each other. When I was living in the dorm, relationships had a tendency to get "blah" after a while.

PENNY: About the only change

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with my friends is that now I am not living right there with them.

ALICE: Ron and I do things with married friends more often, or at least with couples, rather than finding new friends among the freshmen and other new students on campus.

JOHN: We don't see each other as often, but our friendships are just as warm as they ever were.

BOB: I don't see the single kids much. In fact, we don't even spend much time with other married students. We just aren't on campus that much. My contact with other students is limited to class time.

How has your circle of friends changed? Is there a difference in the type of friends you now have?

MARGIE: Most of my friends have gotten married!

PENNY: Now we are able to get to know our married friends better.

GLEN: We are closer to other married people.

JOHN: When we decide on people with whom we like to spend time, it is usually a couple. And it has to be a couple with whom my wife can get

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along with the wife and I can get along with the husband. That has made us more selective in choosing close friends.

BOB: Of course, most of our friends are married now. I've gotten to know some of my professors better because their wives teach school where Lois does. It's not that our circle of friends has changed so much, but that relationships have changed. We don't have a lot in common with single students any more.

Has your circle of friends and associations widened?

GLEN: Yes, after I got married it seemed easier to get to know other married people.

ALICE: I think so, because we can do things with older people more now. We feel like we are involved in the same type of things they are.

BOB: Yes. I have a different job, and Lois is teaching. We're getting out-

side the college community more.

Now that you are married, have you more contact with unsaved people? Has being married given you new opportunities to witness for Christ?

MARGIE: Yes, but indirectly, because I meet unsaved people at my job. Also, I can talk more about Christianity even with my Christian friends. When I lived in the dorm we sometimes didn't talk much. Now it's a privilege to talk with them about the things of the Lord because we don't see each other so often.

GLEN: Yes. My wife teaches school, and sometimes we are invited to dinner by the parents of some of her students. This gives us new opportunities to witness.

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ALICE: Yes. Where Ron works it's practically all non-Christians. At office parties and other social events we get a chance to talk to unsaved people.

JOHN: In some cases, indirectly. When I got married I had to get a new job; this put me in contact with more people. Now I work with both saved and unsaved people.

BOB: We don't really know more unsaved people. The people we select as friends are usually Christians. That is only natural.

JERRY: My wife has less contact with unsaved people, because she works for Grace Schools. For me it is about the same as it always was, because of my job.

People seem to believe that marriage brings added expenses to a college student. Some of these students seemed to disagree.

Has being married affected the amount and/or type of work you do to earn a living?

GLEN: Yes, there is more work involved.

ALICE: There is more work to do around the home, that's for sure.

JOHN: I have to work more hours, and I had to find a job with a better hourly wage.

BOB: Because Lois is working, I

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don't have to carry as heavy a load as I did before.

Is there a conflict between your work and your studies, more than before marriage?

ALICE: Yes, because often there seems to be several things to be done at the same time.

JOHN: No, because I make myself study now.

BOB: No, I do most of my studying during the day, and I work in the evenings.

Can two really live as cheaply as one? If so, how? If not, why not?

MARGIE: We're doing a lot better than we were when we were single, but Ed is out of school now.

PENNY: Seems like before marriage we always had extra money when we needed it, but now—no way!

GLEN: In some ways. You save money on room and board—but then, when you get married you need more things; so it probably works out about the same.

ALICE: I don't think two married people can live as cheaply as one person can in the dorm. I think maybe you want nicer things when they are your own. When you are in the dorm you sometimes don't care if you have the nicest room or not.

JOHN: Yes, if one of them doesn't eat! And where two married people are involved, they usually don't remain just two!

BOB: Actually two can live as cheaply as one and a-half.

JERRY: If they both work—it ends up the same. But now that we are married there are more things on which to spend money. We have to be more careful how we spend it.

As I said before, marriage has affected my future plans and my goals in life. I wanted to know if the same thing was true for all newlywed students.

Has being married affected your attitude toward obtaining a college degree? How?

MARGIE: The sooner I get my de-

gree and can start using it, the better!

PENNY: I feel like I've got to get this degree now if it kills me! Before we got married it was like I was just here because that was all there was to do. Now I'm determined to finish—although I'd like to skip student teaching!

GLEN: It seems more important than it was before.

ALICE: I think I feel now that it's important to get my degree and start working.

JOHN: I already wanted to go to seminary before I got married; marriage just entrenched it more in my thinking—made it more of a visible goal.

How has being married affected your attitude toward your chosen career? Or toward choosing a career?

MARGIE: I have wanted to be a teacher since I was in junior high. That hasn't changed.

GLEN: It hasn't affected me too much, except that it's made me see the need to get on the stick and get the job done.

JOHN: It has made me more excited about it. I look back now and can see how God has had control of things right along—in college, in getting married, and in all our plans.

BOB: I think it has made my choice clearer, and it has hastened my decision. A married person has to have some definite end in mind, for the sake of his family.

**They have to be ready
to face the fact that
marriage opens up a lot
of new problems, too.**

JERRY: Honestly, I would have to say that a married person tends to worry more about providing a better living, because he's no longer living just for himself.

Has married life helped to stabilize your mind in determining God's will for your life?

MARGIE: No! We're more mixed up now than ever!

ALICE: Not so far, because we still don't know what Ron is going to be doing as far as long-range plans.

BOB: As much as I am able to know myself, I would have to say that

being married has changed me an awful lot. It has knocked my self-centeredness out from under me. Now I realize that there is another person that means more to me than my own life. I've already mentioned how marriage has affected my career, and I consider God's will and career plans to be the same thing.

Has marriage changed your feeling of responsibility in your role as a family member? As a member of society? In your relationship with the Lord?

PENNY: Yes, now I really feel like a family member. The concept is more real to me. And now I have different

There are a lot worse things than being apart—like being penniless!

feelings toward my family back home. I feel more compatible with my mother, as though she and I have a whole field of things in common.

ALICE: I feel more responsible for what I am able to get done; because now it is not just my time I am spending, it is *our* time.

JOHN: Yes, I feel more responsible in all those ways now that I'm married, and even more so since I've become the father of a baby girl. I've begun to think a little bit about what it is going to mean for me to be a father in years to come.

BOB: Yes. Before I was married, I was more egocentric. Now I find I have to answer some questions. How am I going to act and react in teaching my children how to live and move in society? Being married and facing the unknowns of fatherhood, I've had to think more seriously about my role.

JERRY: There is more responsibility in providing safety and a living for a wife. I feel more like I am contributing to society, too.

At the end of our conversations, I asked each of these students if they had any other comments or observations concerning the married student. Some reflected upon their experiences, some offered advice to couples contemplating marriage during college.

PENNY: I am for it, but only when you are sure you are marrying the

right person. It is a wonderful feeling to know you have married the person God planned for you. I can think of girls who would be almost ready to marry the first guy that asked—but even among Christians, that is wrong. I know of people who are just miserable because they got married for that reason, and now it isn't working out the way they planned.

GLEN: I feel sometimes that there is a small tendency on the part of some unmarried students to cut married students out of things. They seem to have a whole new attitude toward you after you are married. But I have also seen a change in my own attitude toward my married friends. I guess it is because a married student has it different in a lot of ways, when you come right down to it.

ALICE: I feel like there are problems now, things that we have to work around, but I wouldn't change anything. And I definitely don't think being married has made me a poorer student.

JOHN: It's okay if you are ready for marriage, but I know couples who got married and weren't ready for it. It may be true that marriage solves a lot of problems for some people; but they have to be ready to face the fact that marriage opens up a lot of new problems, too.

BOB: I would say, don't rush into marriage without knowing what you are facing. Figure out your expenses and add fifty dollars. (If it hadn't been for our parents and grandparents, we

I feel more responsible for what I am able to do. Now it's not just my time I'm spending, it's ours.

might not have made it. They helped us get a trailer, car and other things.) If finances are going to be too much of a strain, don't be afraid to put it off. And if being together is too much of an emotional strain, I would suggest that one of the two transfer to a different school or something. There are a lot worse things than being apart—like being penniless! When you have just enough money to live on, it will get pretty old in a hurry.

And Jerry probably summed it up

for all of us when he said, "It's the only way to fly!"

Of course, our comments here are by no means representative of all of the married students of Grace College. There are students here who have been married a lot longer and are several years older. Their views may be far removed from those of newlywed students. Because only a few of us have made comments here, it is, of course, impossible to draw any sort of valid conclusions concerning our "radical minority group."

But talking about these things among ourselves has surely helped each of us, and it is our hope that this discussion will have answered some very old questions in a new and enlightening way.

Perhaps marriage isn't "the only way to fly" for everyone in college, but a few of us have found it a much more pleasant trip than flying alone.

HAPPY WHAT? IN A CHURCH?

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prove? Four Jewish souls heard the Gospel. It isn't many, that is true, but it is a *beginning*. Four Jewish souls walked into our church because we cared enough to try to reach them *ourselves*, not through missionaries.

So it can be done; it should be done; we have done it! How are you planning to reach your Jewish friends, or are you forgetting that they, too, like the world around you, are LOST?

PS. After the party we were approached by a Jewish woman who borrowed some of our material and who invited us to a Purim Carnival in March—of course we are going! What an opportunity!

My own special Jewish friend did not attend. I saw him later downtown and said: "Missed you at our party the other night." His reply: "I had to work." He is a car salesman and this was true. So I told him that sometime he would come to my house and I would cook latkes especially for him! He promised to come. So we shall see . . .

Since THE DAY, several people have remarked that it is so unusual to see a church interested in Jewish people that they wondered what we believed. So testimony was made possible to Gentiles as well, through our Christmas-Hanukkah party!

Grace Students Honored

Seven Named to Who's Who

Seven seniors at Grace College have been selected for the honor of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* for the 1970-71 school year.

Gary Cole, Pompano Beach, Florida; Jane Cooper, Garwin, Iowa; Dave Miller, Whittier, California; Greg Ryerson, Des Moines, Iowa; Dave Plaster, Massillon, Ohio; Dave Wickstrom, Syracuse, Indiana; and Vickie Zickefoose, Dayton, Ohio; have been chosen.

The choices were based upon their contributions to college life with consideration given to elected and appointed leadership, citizenship, campus activities, general service, attitude, influence and loyalty.

Gary Cole, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has been active in student government while at Grace. This year he was elected president of the Student Activities Board. He was president of his freshman and sophomore classes and last year he served as student body vice president.

Music education is Gary's major. He has traveled with gospel teams two summers and has also been a member of the touring choir and the concert band.

Jane Cooper, a recent senior class Homecoming attendant, has also been chosen twice as an attendant in the May Day Court.

Jane has been active with Campus Crusade for Christ and has sung with a campus folk group. She has been a member of the yearbook staff, and has played on the Lancerette basketball team. She is a history major and a member of the Carlton Brethren Church of Garwin, Iowa.

A major character in last year's play *Tartuffe*, Jane also performed in the recent presentation of the play *William and Mary*.

In the area of student leadership,

Jane has held positions as class secretary and class representative. This year she is serving as a dorm resident assistant.

Dave Miller is active in student politics as student government president for 1970-71. Dave spent the past summer touring churches across the United States with the Crusaders, a group of ten singing men from Grace. He has also sung with a men's quartet and the touring choir.

A psychology major, Dave is the son of Rev. Ward Miller, pastor of the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, California.

Greg Ryerson is also a P.K. His father, Rev. Milton Ryerson, is the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Des Moines, Iowa.

A speech major, Greg acted in the play *William and Mary* this fall. Last year he played the part of Cleante in *Tartuffe*. Greg has also been cartoonist for the college paper during the past two years. He is a member of G Club and has been active on the track team. Last year he was elected class treasurer. This year he holds the position of senior class vice president.

Dave Plaster, who attends the Grace Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, was named to the Dean's List every semester during his freshman and sophomore years. This is the highest academic honor at Grace.

Dave, a history major, spent his junior year studying at the University of Lyon in France. He was also involved with the Brethren mission work at the Chateau de St. Albain during that year.

Dave was instrumental in founding Grace Missions in Action, the Christian outreach group on campus. He has served as vice president of the organization and has also been in charge of the student missionary conference.

Vickie Zickefoose, of the Patterson Park Brethren Church in Dayton,

Ohio, has contributed to campus life as 1969-70 yearbook editor and vice president of dorm senate. Last spring she was chosen May Queen. She is presently serving as senior class social chairman.

An elementary education major, she served as secretary of SEA, the Student Education Association. Vickie has been involved with chorale and gospel team work. She was a summer missionary to Mexico under the TIME program the summer of her sophomore year. Vickie has been active in Christian Service throughout her years at Grace.

Dave Wickstrom, a G Club member, has participated in junior varsity and varsity basketball teams, tennis team, and track team. He has served as sports editor for the yearbook for two years.

A spiritual leader on campus, Dave was chosen as chaplain of his freshman and sophomore classes and of dorm senate. He is a psychology major and has made the honor list four times.

Dave is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Loyd Wickstrom, missionaries to Nigeria. He attends the First Baptist Church of Valparaiso, Indiana.

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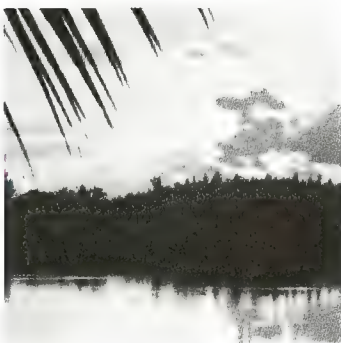


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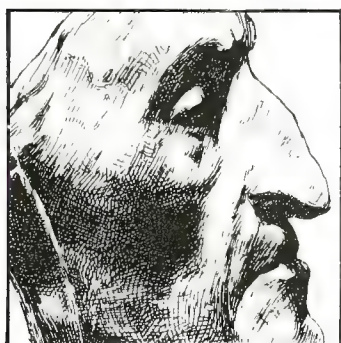
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COVER PHOTO—Macon, France—arrow locates Juliens' home. Ten miles to the north (left in photo), following the Saone River, is the village of Saint-Albain and the Chateau which is the site of the main Brethren thrust in France.

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This is a time of tension, conflict and uncertainty. The news media keeps us supplied with an ever-growing list of problems and it seems like we belong to the Crisis-a-Week Club. One week it is over-population, the next the Vietnam War, followed by pollution, and so on. Unfortunately, these are all very real problems for which we must find solutions. Pessimism breeds more of the same, until we are overwhelmed by it all and there is no joy left in the world. This is producing a generation of neurotic individuals who may never see a ray of sunshine or hope in their lifetime.

I would like to strike a blow for Christian optimism and take a deep breath, of somewhat polluted air, bypass today's headlines, stretch a bit in my over-populated area and smile. Now that may be a strange thing to do when everyone is so gravely concerned about our existence, but it does give me a degree of satisfaction and helps me express a Christian truth.

John, who was a very close friend of Jesus' and who had the extra special privilege of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said: "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full" (I John 1:4). There is a joy in the Christian life that deserves a great deal more attention than it is presently getting.

Solomon said that: "A merry heart

Thoughts on Christian Optimism

Reflections By Still Waters

maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken" (Prov. 15:13). So you see that joy and a happy heart make for good Christian virtues.

Somehow, we get the false impression that to go around with a troubled countenance gives a visual appearance of being more spiritual. Certainly there is a time of spiritual concern and tears and the weight of much burden bearing, but there should also be the smile of Christian hope and joy. What a witness we could be for God at times, if we would just smile and radiate the note of Christian victory that is ours. The world very much needs to know that there are some who are not completely overcome by the problems of our day.

The Christian knows that he has the answer to the problems of time and eternity as they have been revealed in

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

the Word of God. It is great to know that in Christ there is ultimate victory. To the Christian this knowledge serves as a stabilizing influence in this unstable world.

So, fellow Christians, let some of the joy be seen by the members of this troubled world. Your peace stands in deep contrast to this world's present gloom. I must admit that if all I had to look forward to was the present world and its future, I would be very sad and gloomy, too.

But, thank God, there is a hope of sharing with God a glorious future and there is an added bonus—all of those daily blessings that make the heart glad today.

The Ministry in France

(FMS editor's note: The material for this article was presented as the France field report to the FMS board of trustees at their annual meeting this past August, and is being published, slightly edited, because of its general interest.)

The Brethren work in France has been centered at the Chateau of Saint-Albain since June of 1964. The Chateau serves basically as a place of encounter and discussion, where people can learn what Christianity is before having first to conform outwardly to a particular form of church life. The Chateau has given identity to the Brethren work, allowing us in a rather short time to become known in this de-Christianized part of France. The ministry up to the present has been mainly with youth, but the youth program is now being integrated into a larger program with emphasis on young couples and the family unit. The goal of the Chateau is the formation of churches. Until the French Christians organize into local churches, however, the Chateau serves as a church for them.

Personnel

Three couples presently serve under the mission in France. The Juliens have been there since 1958, the Renicks since 1967, and the Hammers since 1969. During the past year the Juliens lived at the Chateau and directed the work there. The Renicks lived in Macon, a city eight miles from the Chateau, where most of our contacts live, and were in charge of the work there and were also responsible for much of the business of the mission. For five months during the winter they were on furlough. The

By Rev. Thomas Julien
Missionary to France

Hammers completed a successful year of language study at Albertville, and have moved to the Chateau.

This year the Juliens are living in Macon, working mainly in personal Bible teaching and visitation, in addition to the weekend ministry at the Chateau. The Renicks are in language study at the University of Dijon, about 100 miles to the north of the Chateau. The Hammers are in charge of the Chateau in the areas of hospitality and maintenance, and participate in the other phases of the ministry.

During the past year we were privileged on weekends to have the services of a young man, David Plaster, who was taking the junior year of his college education abroad. He worked very hard for us on weekends, receiving only room and board in return. He is interested in future service in France.

Ministry

After the summer evangelism camp of 1969 the fall program was as follows: a monthly youth rally, a monthly young-adult rally, a monthly communion service, weekly Sunday morning services at the Chateau, weekly Bible classes on Sunday afternoon with a small Sunday school in conjunction. At Macon there was a weekly evening Bible and prayer group, and in addition there were two home Bible study classes.

During the winter four short youth camps were held, two for evangelism and two for work at the Chateau.

The youth activities were well attended and encouraging, and the weekly study group at Macon was successful. However, during the Renick furlough the responsibility of the activities, plus entertaining and maintenance, made it impossible to do the necessary outreach, and the Sunday services at the Chateau on non-rally weekends were often poorly attended. This was also due in part to the loss of many of our best Christians, who had moved away from the area.

There have been three weddings of local youth at the Chateau. Recently five Christians were baptized: four youths and one adult.

During this past summer the TIME team traveled in France. They completed a three-week evangelism camp working with other youth at the Chateau, the camp being under the direction of the Renicks. It was reported that the camp was successful and many new contacts were made.

This year the program at the Chateau continues with only a few modifications, except that the emphasis is more on families than in the past. An effort is being made to work more on the personal level in home Bible classes and small group meetings. We do not wish to change our basic approach, but insufficient personnel has prevented us from working as efficiently as we would wish. There was the prospect of fewer meetings scheduled at the Chateau, but more contact on a personal level with people.

France is presently in its most significant period of time, from the standpoint of Christianity, since the Reformation. Some are seeking to return to the sources of the faith.

Field Council

The field council has been organized and is meeting monthly. In addition we are planning a yearly conference of the missionaries in Europe, and possibly a second meeting of all the Europe missionaries at the end of each summer. Our first yearly conference was held at Easter; for three days the entire work was discussed and responsibilities were divided between the missionaries.

Chateau Property

A number of improvements were made during the past year, further increasing the value of the property. The remodeling of the tower was completed. The large salon (meeting room) of the Chateau was redecorated. Recently the UFM made a gift of the services of their artist, Phil Gegner, who painted six large oil paintings depicting the Creation. The wine cellar has been transformed into a game room, much of the work being done by the youth of the Chateau.

We are attempting to change the image of the Chateau from that of a youth center only, to a center for all people seriously interested in Christianity. Through the use of displays, and so forth, we want to attract a wider-range group.

Candidates

There is need for several more couples in France. They should be examined not only for their spiritual and emotional qualifications, but also concerning their general agreement with the approach in France and their ability to adjust culturally to France. They will be placed in cities in the

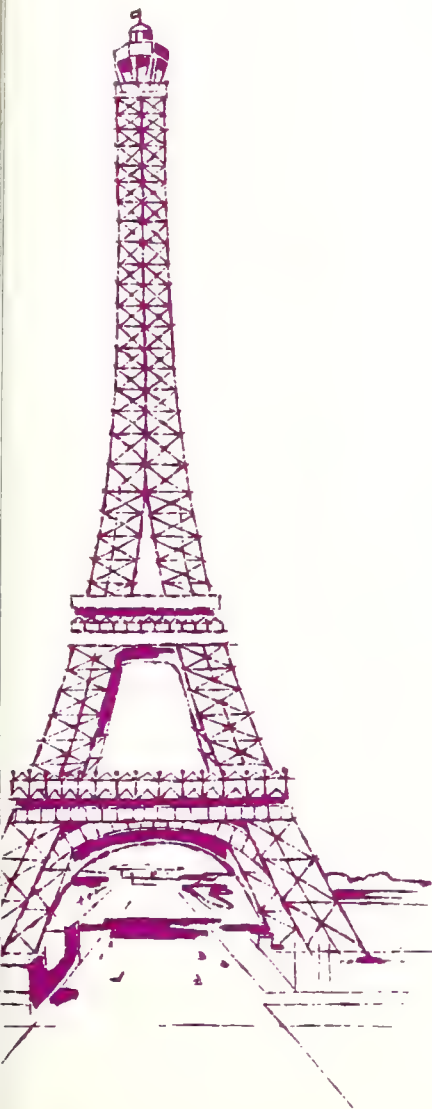
proximity of the Chateau, beginning with Macon, and encouraged to make as many contacts as possible and to follow them in a systematic manner, seeking to integrate them into existing activities and attempting to gather them into small groups which could become local churches. These couples would also participate in the Chateau program, according to their particular gifts.

French Worker

The France field has engaged Daniel Dutruc-Rosset and his wife beginning on January 1, 1971. Daniel has already served at the Chateau, and has just completed three years at the Bible Institute. A French worker is indispensable to the work. He will be employed mainly as a youth worker by the field council on a monthly basis, and will have no obligations from the mission.

Conclusion

I believe that France is presently in its most significant period of time, from the standpoint of Christianity, since the Reformation. Vatican II has changed the Catholic situation completely, and some are seeking to return to the sources of the faith. We need much wisdom, however, and much zeal. The board has stood faithfully behind the work in France in spite of much discouragement and few results. We feel called, however, to serve in this country, and we feel that the Brethren Church has a ministry to perform. The coming years may be important ones; pray with us that we may be preoccupied with the essentials.



The Case for Noble Purity

Christianity of an earlier day exerted such a strong influence upon the ideas and opinions of a pagan world that changes appeared in the moral, social, and political structures of society. The writings of the early Christian apologists, who were converted to Christ after spending years as intelligent pagans, reveal at least three reasons why they were attracted to Christianity:

"(1) The sublimity and simplicity of the Christian doctrine of God, sin and salvation; 2) the noble purity of the Christian life, more especially of the life of a Christian woman; and 3) the grandeur of the doctrine of creation contained in the Old Testament Scriptures."¹ The second of these reasons is one which needs special emphasis today in light of—or should we say, in the darkness of the moral decay of the present hour.

For the moment, let us return to those days before Christianity was a force in society, and listen as history speaks.

"It is almost impossible for us to realize how powerfully paganism acted upon the general morality of the great peoples of antiquity, and encouraged all manner of lawlessness and indecency. In the later republic we have the spectacle of Roman law and philosophy powerless to restrain the brutal and obscene passions of the people excited by the influence of the popular religion. All paganism is at bottom a worship of nature in some

form or another, and in all pagan religions the deepest and awe-inspiring attribute of nature was its power of reproduction. To ancient pagan thinkers, as well as to modern man of science, the key to the hidden secret of the origin and preservation of the universe lay in the mystery of sex. In each and every form of polytheism, we find the slime track of the deification of sex. There is not a single one of the ancient religions which has not consecrated by ceremonial rite even the grossest forms of sensual indulgence, while many of them actually elevated prostitution into a solemn sacrifice of religion. The corrupting influence of paganism entered into the very essence of the social life of the Roman. The thoughtful reader cannot fail to observe how day by day the poison instilled itself into every nook and cranny of the social life of the people. It met him in every incident of life—in business, in pleasure, in literature, in politics, in arms, in theaters, in the streets, in the baths, at the games, in the decorations in his house, in the ornaments and service at his table, in the very conditions of the weather and the physical phenomena of nature. It is not easy to call up as a reality the intending sinner addressing to the deified vice, which he contemplates, a prayer for the success of his design—the adulteress imploring a Venus the favors of her paramour—the harlot praying for an increase of her sinful gains—youths entreating Hercules to expedite the death of a rich uncle. . . ."²

This picture was changed when Christianity combatted paganism. It sought "not toleration, not compro-

mise, but universal supremacy." Christianity and paganism were at war. They still are, but now the roles are reversed. Instead of a heroic band of dedicated Christians who counted not their lives dear for the sake of Jesus Christ, we find an anemic Christianity which faces an aggressive paganism masquerading as an enlightened way of life.

A sobering article in the December 28, 1970, issue of *Time* magazine depicts the collapse of the American family—divorce in one out of four marriages, communes taking the place of the family, trio weddings, trial marriages, child-care centers to replace motherhood, and so on. Dr. Paul Popenoe, founder of the American Institute of Family Relations, is quoted in this same article as warning: "No society has ever survived after its family life deteriorated."

Tragically, the voice of modern Christendom is feeble against the onslaught of a revitalized pagan philosophy. Or, what is even worse, it lends its voice with increasing strength to the promotion of paganism.

Perhaps the reason we are not seeing more present-day intelligent pagans converted to Christianity is due to the fact that although they are aware of the Christian doctrines of God, sin and salvation, they see little of the "noble purity of Christian life" in today's Christian and thus are not impressed with the truth of the message.

The three reasons set forth by intelligent pagans of the first century who were converted to Christianity are still valid on the mission fields of the world. It is an aggressive, proselyting missionary movement which believes in these three principles that is still attracting pagans to Christ. It is only this type of Christianity that can keep our pulpits occupied, our churches filled, our Christian testimony vibrant, our social concern relevant, and our missionary outreach effective. Historians tell us that "the pure lives of the Christians in the midst of the sea of iniquity had a wonderful effect." It can happen again. May the paganism that surrounds us once again stand in awe at the "noble purity of the Christian life."—JWZ

¹ *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Ninth Edition.

² *Ibid.*



A document called "The Frankfurt Declaration" was signed by eminent German theologians and missiologists on March 4, 1970. In view of the many attacks against historic Christian faith which have come out of Germany, it is refreshing to see a statement which takes such a positive stand on the Scriptures. Evangelical leaders in the United States have labeled this as one of the most significant developments in missions. We would have to object to the wording in a few places; however, we still feel that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches should be aware of the document. This small segment of German evangelicals who have courageously taken a stand for the evangelization of the world needs to know that in this expression of faith others stand with them.

The first part of the document was carried in the January 9 *Brethren Missionary Herald*, and monthly installments will continue until it is finished.

THE FRANKFURT DECLARATION

on the Fundamental Crisis
in Christian Mission

Seven Indispensable Basic Elements of Mission (cont.)

2. "Thus will I prove myself great and holy and make myself known to many nations; they shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezekiel 38:23).

"Therefore, Lord, I will praise thee among the nations and sing psalms to thy name" (Psalm 18:49 and Romans 15:9).

We recognize and declare:

The first and supreme goal of mission is the *glorification* of the name of the one *God* throughout the entire world and the proclamation of the lordship of Jesus Christ, His Son.

We therefore oppose the assertion that mission today is no longer so concerned with the disclosure of God as with the manifestation of a new man

and the extension of a new humanity into all social realms. *Humanization* is not the primary goal of mission. It is rather a product of our new birth through God's saving activity in Christ within us, or an indirect result of the Christian proclamation in its power to perform a leavening activity in the course of world history.

A one-sided outreach of missionary interest toward man and his society leads to atheism.

3. "There is no salvation in anyone else at all, for there is no other name under heaven granted to men, by which we may receive salvation" (Acts 4:12).

We recognize and declare:

Jesus Christ our Saviour, true God and true man, as the Bible proclaims Him in His personal mystery and His saving work, is the basis, content, and authority of our mission. It is the goal of this mission to make known to all people in all walks of life the gift of His salvation.

We therefore challenge all non-Christians, who belong to God on the basis of creation, to believe in Him and to be baptized in His name, for in Him alone is eternal salvation promised to them.

We therefore oppose the false teaching (which is circulated in the ecumenical movement since the Third General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi) that Christ himself is anonymously so evident in world religions, historical changes, and revolutions that man can encounter Him and find salvation in

Him without the direct news of the Gospel.

We likewise reject the unbiblical limitation of the person and work of Jesus to His humanity and ethical example. In such an idea the uniqueness of Christ and the Gospel is abandoned in favor of a humanitarian principle which others might also find in other religions and ideologies.

4. "God so loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

"In Christ's name, we implore you, be reconciled to God!" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

We recognize and declare:

Mission is the witness and presentation of eternal salvation performed in the name of Jesus Christ by His Church and fully authorized messengers by means of preaching, the sacraments, and service. This salvation is due to the sacrificial crucifixion of Jesus Christ, which occurred once for all and for all mankind.

The appropriation of this salvation to individuals takes place first, however, through proclamation which calls for decision and through baptism which places the believer in the service of love. Just as belief leads through repentance and baptism to eternal life, so unbelief leads through its rejection of the offer of salvation to damnation.

We therefore oppose the universalistic idea that in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ all men of all times are already born again and already have peace with Him, irrespective of their knowledge of the historical saving activity of God or belief in it. Through such a misconception the evangelizing commission loses both its full, authoritative power and its urgency. Unconverted men are thereby lulled into a fateful sense of security about their eternal destiny. ☞

German Evangelicals Form Significant Document

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(Part 2)

The Last Time

If you should know that this would be the last day you could pray for foreign missions and missionaries—or for all Christian workers—what would you do?

The hills of Judea were green with the new grass of spring. Here and there a freshly whitewashed tomb was glittering in the sunlight. The roads were crowded with pilgrims making their way to the Holy City of Judaism to observe the Passover. Among the crowds was the controversial Man from Galilee.

This Man was not the “young revolutionary” talked about so much today. This young Man wore decent clothing—clothing for which soldiers were to gamble before the week ended. This young Man paid His taxes. He recommended civil obedience as well as religious observation. Obedience to the state and to God. Only once had He done anything to cause noise, and then He alone attempted to restore sanctity to the temple. Yes, He knew the temple was rotten at its religious core, but that temple was to Him His Father’s house.

On that spring day as the young Prophet approached the city, He paused, looked at the scene before Him, and burst into tears. “If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace!” He cried. But the great city busy with its holiday preparations did not know that this hour was its last. True, a turbulent forty years of uncertainty, of suffering, of hunger, of riots, of wars were to drag to a final awful hour because this city “did not recognize God’s moment when it came” (NEB).

Centuries have come and gone since



that Man of Sorrows wept over the city He loved. Centuries during which the Gospel proclaimed by that young Prophet’s lips, His life, His death, His resurrection, His promised return has been carried to the ends of the world He loved. Those passing centuries have heaped up their refuse until today the entire world stands in a situation like

that of Jerusalem on that bright day so long ago.

The world is bright. In spite of pollution spring annually brightens the world now as then. The gilded towers of today reflect the sunlight as did those of Herod’s magnificent structure which our Lord honored by calling it “My Father’s house.”

By Miss Ruth Snyder
Missionary to Africa

with the world as though eager to share in its destruction.

Foreign missions? Caught in the maelstrom of today's theology and materialism, the areas of mission work are slamming their doors to the Jeremiahs who dare to say that a holy God will execute a just judgment. "Peace" is the message the far-flung corners of the world want. "Peace . . . Love." Like the rest of the world these places are trying their homemade remedies which can heal their hurt only slightly (Jer. 6:14). The Great Physician would cure their hurt completely, but they do not like Him because He is exclusive, He is jealous. He prohibits putting new wine into old wineskins. They deceive themselves into thinking they would accept His way if they could have their own way too.

The missionary who presents this exclusive Christ does not have crowds of people flocking around him. He is walking that lonely road which the Lord Jesus walked that bright spring day. He is learning the fellowship of His sufferings. That fellowship sounds dramatically beautiful in prayer. In the heat and dust of the tropics, the dark and snow of the north, the lonely places of the wilderness, the smog of the crowded cities—the missionary is learning that such fellowship is not the glory he supposed it to be. It is the humdrum, the heat, the dust, the routine, the scorn of the world, the disappointment of many failures, weariness, the exigency of the moment.

This is God's moment. Never again will there be another like it. It is possible that the current struggle may be the last in the present economy of God. Surely He who wept over Jerusalem is weeping for the world.

"What if this present were the world's last night?"



Today from His throne in glory He looks on the world He loves as He loved Jerusalem. Today He honors architectural wonders and little grass-roofed chapels where His Father's name is revered. Today is He weeping?

Our generation does not recognize God's moment. This is the day of salvation. This is God's moment. But the

world, like Jerusalem, is busy with its own affairs. Uncertainty, suffering, hunger, riots, wars are breaking the hearts of the world's millions. And the world is trying Jerusalem's method of healing her hurt by crying, "Peace, peace." But there is no peace. Judgment is dangerously near for this world. And alas! the church is rushing



We Do Believe in Her

I imagine my surprise when I heard a sweet little voice behind me asking, "Are you a woman?"

Then, as I turned about, a pair of serious brown eyes met mine and we smiled at each other.

"Yes, you are," she said in answer to her own question. And I thought she sounded a bit relieved.

"Are you from 'the other side'?" she asked after she had noticed my American face and accent.

"Yes, I am."

"Oh, then you don't believe in the virgin"—and she looked very sorry.

"But I do believe in her. The Bible explains it all very clearly. Lots of people on 'the other side' believe exactly what the Bible says about her."

I was anxious that she should understand. But then she was saying good-by to me and we did not see each other again.

"What a strange thing to say," you are probably thinking. Many people

By Mrs. Phillip Guerena
Missionary to Mexico

here where we live in Mexico City really believe what the little girl told me. They think that because many people in the United States are Protestants (not Roman Catholics), then they do not believe in the virgin.

It will help you to understand better when you know that for hundreds of years the Roman Catholic Church has taught that although Jesus is the way to God, Mary is the way to Jesus. That makes Mary, the mother of Jesus, a very important person. Some of the names it has invented for her are Queen of Heaven, Queen of the Universe, Co-redeemer with Christ, Mother of God, Mediator of all God's blessings, Most Holy Mother, and many others.¹

It also teaches that Mary is now in

heaven as God's sweet wife. She is dressed with the sun, and the moon is beneath her feet. A beautiful crown of twelve stars is on her head and she has been made Empress of the Universe and Queen of all creatures.²

What a beautiful picture of the mother of Jesus. But it is not true; it is a lie. The Bible tells us that Mary was especially chosen by God to give Jesus His human body, but that she was a normal mother in every other way.

When we study the life of Mary as it is revealed to us in the Bible, we learn many interesting things about her. For example: she was "greatly troubled" at the salutation of the angel Gabriel; she was humble and obedient; she knew the Old Testament well, and she recognized Jesus as her Saviour; she was a good citizen, she was poor, and she was discreet; she was worried when they left Jesus behind in Jerusalem, and she was surprised to find Him in the temple. The Bible further says that neither she nor Joseph understood when He said "Didn't you know that I must be about my Father's business?"³

All of these incidents in the life of Mary show us that she was, after all, a very human person.

But when you have been taught for a long, long time that something is true, then it is very difficult to change your ideas.

Not too long ago a friend of ours said, "God will have to forgive me, but I love His mother more than I love Him."

It is impossible for us to change the minds and hearts of our friends here in Mexico City. Only the Holy Spirit can do this as they hear the Word of God and know the Truth which makes men free.

¹"Quiero Honrar a Maria," por A.J. Strassburger, C.S.S.R.; *Redemptorist Fathers*, 125 East 105th St., New York, N.Y. *Imprimatur*: Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Virgin and Statue Worship Quizzes to a Street Preacher, by *Fathers Rumble and Carty*; *Fathers Rumble and Carty*, Radio Replies Press; St. Paul, Minn. *Imprimatur*: Joannes Gregorius Murray.

²*Ibid.*

³Luke 1:29, 38, 46-55; 2:5, 7, 19, 44-48, 50.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



Missionary Helpers, here you can see the missionaries in France and the places where they are working this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hammers are in charge at the Chateau of St.-Albain. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Renick are taking more language study at the University of Dijon so that they will be able to speak better

French. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Julien and family are living in Macon, where they witness to people and hold Bible classes; they help at the Chateau on weekends.

Can you name the Julien children? Becky is the oldest, and then Terry and Jackie. You knew their names, didn't you?

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY

ALONG WITH THE MAP AND THE MISSIONARIES' PICTURES UP THERE, HERE IS A PICTURE OF THE CHATEAU FOR THE HAMMERS

YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS THOUGHT ALL THE MISSIONARIES WERE AT THE CHATEAU, BUT IT SAYS THAT JUST MR. & MRS. HAMMERS LIVE THERE

THAT'S RIGHT- THEY DON'T ALL LIVE THERE. BUT THE CHATEAU IS STILL THE MAIN PLACE FOR OUR MISSION WORK IN FRANCE

Church News



The laying on of hands for Pastor Eloy Pacheco.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. The ordination service to the Christian ministry for Eloy Pacheco was held Nov. 29 at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. A. Rollin Sandy, pastor of the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind., preached the ordination sermon. Pastors of the district who assisted in the service were Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove, Rev. John Burke, Rev. Merlin Berkey, Rev. Charles Turner, and Dr. Kenneth Ashman. Laymen who participated were Mr. Paul Sunthimer, moderator of the church; Mr. Allen Huelsman, church chorister; and Mr. William Deboer, Sunday-school superintendent. Pastor Pacheco was the honored guest during a reception at the close of the service at which time he was presented with a love gift by his congregation.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. Ground was broken here on Jan. 3, for a new building. Pastor Tweeddale recounts: "To our knowledge it was the first evening ground-breaking service. There were representatives from just about all the Florida churches at the service. The church shattered all previous Sunday-school records with an attendance of 100 on the first Sunday of the New Year." William Tweeddale, pastor.

PRAYER REQUEST. Pastor Kenneth Russell, New Holland, Pa., faces more surgery at the Cleveland Clinic next month.

NOTICE. Pastor, we would like to share the current news of your church with others. Please send your bulletins and news letters to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* each week. Remember you *make* the church news.

MODESTO, CALIF. A number of college youth who were home for the recent holidays shared in a panel discussion at an evening worship service at the La Loma Brethren Church. Some of the questions they considered were as follows: (1) What do you consider the primary adult or parental responsibilities in respect to youth needs today? (2) What about current evangelism on secular campuses and Christian group meetings? (3) Are you very conscious of student activism and have you formed judgments as to the causes and cures? (4) What about advantages of the secular college for a Christian student? (5) What about advantages of a Christian college for the Christian student? Stimulating discussion and testimonies were given by the students resulting in a most enlightening and thought-provoking challenge. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Ray Davis, 611 Walnut, Apt. 7, Long Beach, Calif. 90812. Please change *Annual*, on page 38, under heading—Mexico. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Turner, 304—14th St. (Mailing add: Box 336), Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Phone—219-269-2719). Please change *Annual*.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., announces a Bible Lands Pilgrimage scheduled to depart from New York City on Aug. 10, 1971. This will be a ten-day tour, covering Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Samaria, Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River. Cost of the tour is \$729, with the option of spending an additional four days in Greece at extra cost. A payment plan is available, if desired. The tour is offered at a great savings in price, but not in quality as it includes lodging in first-class hotels and three meals a day besides the delights of the travel. A brochure and further information may be obtained from Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

KITTANNING, PA. Six individuals made rededications at the North Buffalo Church during recent meetings with Rev. Richard Sellers as the Lord's messenger. During the month of December, six were baptized and nine were received into the membership of the church. Thomas Goossens, pastor.

AT YOUR SERVICE—New materials for worship programs.

Gospel Light is offering three new volumes of planning articles for the Sunday-school worship program. The series offers programs (52) for Juniors (grades 4-6); Junior highs (grades 7-9); High schoolers (grades 10-12); each volume costs \$1.25. Also available are programs for Primaries, including music, pre-session activities, and so forth, at a cost of \$2.75. We will be happy to serve you. Place your order through the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Brookville, Ohio Long Beach, Calif. (North Long Beach)	Feb. 14-19	Clair Brickel	Allen Herr
Parkersburg, W. Va.	Feb. 21-26	George Peek	Nathan Meyer
Fort Myers, Fla.	Feb. 21-28	Melvin Hobson	Allen Herr
	Feb. 28-Mar. 7	Bernard Schneider	
		Kenneth Carr	Dean Fetterhoff

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BALL, James. Sunday evening, Jan. 3, a memorial service was conducted for James Ball, an active member of Los Altos Brethren choir and a member of the Berean Sunday-school class. Jim was killed, along with his father, in a robbery at their sporting goods store on Dec. 26. Jim's fine tenor voice was a mainstay in much of the choir's work. His untimely death leaves a big void in his immediate family and his church family. Donald Shoemaker, pastor.

HECKMAN, MERL, 85, was promoted to glory on Jan. 7. He was a long-time member of the Sidney (Ind.) Grace Brethren Church. A. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

SANDERS, Mrs. Manola, 77, a faithful soul winner and member of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, went to be with her Lord on Dec. 31. Mrs. Sanders had the unusual experience of being born, spending the years of her married life and dying—all in the same house. She was the mother of Kenneth Sanders. Scott Weaver, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Cynthia Wise and William Malone, Sept. 5, 1970, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa.

Charlene Bess and Jan Brumbaugh, Dec. 19, 1970, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Dr. Herbert Bess, assisted by Pastor Charles Ashman.

Johanna Uphouse and Alvin Siebert, Dec. 19, 1970, at Benson Chapel, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Norman Uphouse, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

Joan Bunch and Harold Gandy, Dec. 24, 1970, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa.

Mrs. Norma Pritchett and Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Jan. 1, 1971, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.



More than 12,300 packed general sessions at Urbana '70 in the Assembly Hall, University of Illinois. Photo by Urbana '70/COMPRO.

URBANA, ILL. Probably the largest student religious gathering in American history—more than 12,300 registered, at the Ninth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

As this group met, the number one question in the minds of many was whether or not the student revolt and campus radicalism would have any effect on the convention.

Would there be demonstrations by dissident students?

At the conclusion of the four-day conclave it was clear that student unrest raised scarcely a ripple at Urbana '70. Startling—considering that nearly every segment of the population was represented. The over 12,300 registrants included students, pastors, missionaries, nurses, faculty, military and Inter-Varsity staff. There were 48 states represented and 72 countries.

The basic purpose of the convention was to engage students in God's worldwide plan for the church. Students were as eager as ever to learn about that plan from Scripture. Also, they wanted to know what mission-sending agencies had to offer toward fulfilling that plan.

After the Sunday night assembly the registrants were divided into small groups, providing for real personal involvement. It appeared that students got what they went for, and that most were interested in the relationship of Jesus Christ to their own lives and the world.

Some became Christians at Urbana. Some discovered a life direction toward missions. Most grappled daily with the question, "What is God's will for me?"

The concern for involvement by the youth of today in missions was shown by those from Grace Schools who participated in the convention, and came away with the conviction that the story of Jesus and His love must be the theme for the Seventies.

The result of this convention: a reflection of the great diversity of our day, sharply outlined by the unity of believers in Jesus Christ.

MEXICO CITY. "In January we began a Child Evangelism training program for our young people. A recent convert testified: '... it was as though a veil of darkness had been lifted from my eyes and I could see clearly for the first time.' " Missionary, Phillip Guarena.

THE SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT executive committee has noted a prayer need for Pastor Everett Caes of Vandalia, Ohio, who has been hospitalized for three weeks, thereby incurring a sizable amount of expense. Some churches have felt led to be of assistance in this time of need.

You Can Live Above Envy!

By Leslie B. Flynn

Why do we envy others? Because in some area they possess greater eminence or excellence than we.

Envy is a backhanded compliment. Its presence tacitly admits inferiority. Someone said, "You have to be little to be little." Reluctantly envy reveals, "I'm not up to you. You're a better soloist. You're a prettier woman. You're a more persuasive salesman. You're a more efficient pastor."

Many a church member has chafed in envy because someone else was selected chairman of a committee, or emcee of a banquet, or deacon, or elder. Students have been known to react with sarcastic bitterness against fellow-students who made the honor roll they missed.

As the favored son, his status openly proclaimed by the coat of many colors, Joseph became the object of envy (Gen. 37:4). So have many class presidents, star athletes, leading actors, beauty queens and recipients of honorary degrees.

The Pharisees' love of prominence helped rouse jealousy when Jesus came on the scene out-teaching and out-performing them. They wanted the honor He was receiving, bemoaning, "Behold, the world is gone after him." We try to blow out the other fellow's light when it shines more brightly than our own.

All envy has not been confined to the first century. A missionary in Panama recently related that when a new group of believers was offered a piece of land on which to build a chapel, the folks in whose home the church was currently meeting objected. Underlying reason for the objection according to the missionary—these folks "believed they would not be the big 'I' in the work if we built on land not owned by them."

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A mother of four was talking about her neighbor who had eight children. "She's amazing! Her house is always neat as a pin; she's a wonderful cook and does her own sewing. Her children are polite and well-behaved. She is active in PTA, and helps with the Brownies and is a den-mother for the Cub scouts. She is pretty and has loads of personality. She makes me sick!"

When someone can do something better than we, we may envy them for their performance. Or we may envy them for something we cannot do. Because Leah had given birth to four sons, the barren "Rachel envied her sister" (Gen. 30:1).

Psychologists tell us that the dominant emotion of children suffering from physical defects is that of jealousy. Seeing friends play sports the deformed or sickly child is plagued with envy. He feels cheated out of a normal body, potentially resentful, bitter, lonely. Fortunately most conditions can be at least partially restored during the first five years of life before the child enters school where he would experience the greatest mental and social reaction.

The newspaper pictures a neighbor and his wife on a Caribbean island, enjoying a winter vacation mid sun and warmth. The reader momentarily stabbed with envy, may wish the island would be hit by a hurricane or tidal wave, or disappear into the ocean. Why should they loaf on tropical beaches for four winter weeks while all the vacation he gets is two weeks in the summer.

A lady who lived alone was piqued because her neighbors had not invited her to join them on a picnic. However, on the morning of the outing the neighbors asked her to come. "It's too late," she snapped, "I've already prayed for rain."

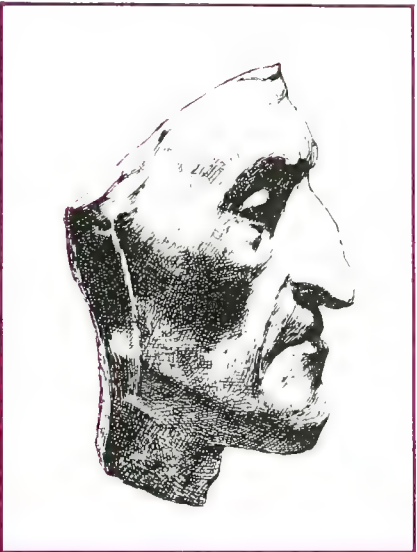
Sometimes the evil envy the righteous. Why did Cain kill Abel? "Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous" (I John 3:12). Divine acceptance of Abel's blood offering drew the envy of Cain whose offering, though doubtless beautiful to

behold, was rejected by the Lord.

Strangely, not only have the bad envied the good, but the good have envied the evil. The Psalmist warns "... neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity" (Ps. 37:1).

Moving into a classy neighborhood, a wife was so ashamed of her furniture that she smeared the picture window with Bon Ami, not washing it off until a new set arrived. How easy for her pride, lacerated at the inferiority of her furniture, to spring into envy at neighbors with lavishly decorated interiors. Socrates called envy the daughter of pride.

Pride is basically competitive. Subjection to secondary spot may cause



We try to blow out the other fellow's light when it shines more brightly than our own.

hurt pride to lash out at the person at the peak. A husband complained that his wife always captured the limelight in social gatherings. If she wasn't playing the piano, she gathered others around her by her sparkling conversation. Perhaps the wife needed some help for her over-desire for attention. Likely the husband's jealousy could be explained by C. S. Lewis' observation, "We dislike the big noise at the party because we want to be the big noise." Bacon wrote, "Those are most subject to envy which carry their fortune in an insolent and proud manner."

In modern usage *envy* and *jealousy* are frequently synonymous. Technically, a distinction exists. Let us pause in our dissection of envy's ingredients to note this difference.

Some jealousy is justifiable. Warning against idolatry Jehovah said, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God" (Exod. 20:5). The Lord will not take second place in our interests, rightfully jealous of His prerogative of first claim in our lives. Likewise a husband can be legitimately jealous over his right to exclusive devotion of his wife.

However, most jealousy is unjustifiable, creeping too easily into Christian circles: the pastor who cannot accept the possibility that his assistant may out-preach him; the veteran organist who cannot bear the thought that a newcomer to the church may play as well as she; the deacon who doesn't wish to give up his office to that capable gentleman who was a deacon in the church from which he just came. Like envy, jealousy involves potential inferiority and wounded pride.

Some dictionaries list *covetous* and *envious* as synonyms. Though related, they differ. We covet things; we envy people. Covetousness usually precedes envy. Covetousness longs for another's possessions. Unless checked, this covetousness results in envy stabbing out at the owner of the objects we covet.

Covetousness and envy often co-exist but usually one predominates. If our desire focuses on the acquisition of position, power, prestige, money, achievement or pleasure, covetousness is the main element in our pre-occupation. When Judas sold the Master for thirty pieces of silver, covetousness was his downfall. But if our feeling is aimed at the person possessing these coveted items, envy is the principal component. When the Pharisees delivered Jesus to Pilate, though coveting His power, popularity and accomplishments, the dominant factor was envy striking out at His person.

Abasement at another's superiority need not lead to envy. It may stir to emulation. A person who says, "I envy you. I wish I had what you have. But I'm glad for your sake," misuses the word *envy*. Genuine envy involves *ill will*, whereas the preceding remark expresses only good wishes. If acknowl-

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edgement of another's superiority leads to harder work for greater success to equal or surpass this friend with no wish or intent to downgrade him, this is permissible emulation, not poisonous envy.

Ambition to forge ahead is not wrong. Emulation is a noble trait, consisting in imitation of something excellent, scorning to fall short of the copy. However, in striving to outdo it, emulation doesn't malign or depress its copy, but puts the emphasis on perfecting itself. Emulation inspires man to noble endeavor, to make himself useful and as accomplished as possible.

Change one letter, and *zealous* becomes *jealous*. How easy for emulation to gearshift into envy. If in a race a runner finds a rival passing him, tries to jostle or trip him, honorable rivalry has been replaced by contemptible conduct in the athlete who is no longer zealous but jealous. An old English poet put it,

Envy, to which the ignoble mind's a slave

Is emulation in the learned and brave.

Pat had a deep-seated grudge toward Mike. In waking hours he was obsessed with how to add to Mike's woes. One night an angel appeared to Pat, offering him whatever he wished. The angel added, "You should know this—whatever you ask will be given you. But twice of the same thing will be given Mike."

After a moment's pondering Pat asked, "You mean that if I ask for a Cadillac I will get it, but Mike will have two just like it?" The angel said yes.

"If I ask for a mansion, Mike will get two mansions?" Pat continued. The angel nodded.

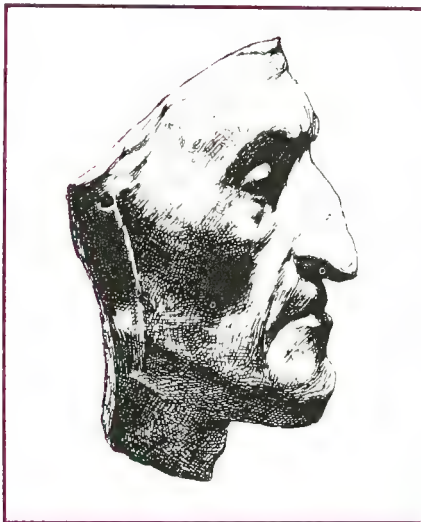
"Then," said Pat, "I know what I want, I wish to be blind in one eye."

Sympathy makes us "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15). Envy reverses this practice, making us rejoice when others weep, and weep when others rejoice. Envy is that nasty feeling of gratification when you learn that your neighbor's new car had its front fender dented, or that their new appliance has some defect, or that their business isn't doing so well, or that their brilliant child failed to win a scholarship.

Even if we do sympathize with

friends in their sorrows, envy makes it difficult to exult with them over their successes. The girl who learns that her friend has been scarred in an accident can ache in sympathy. But if she hears that her friend has been selected homecoming queen, an honor which she herself coveted, her congratulations may have a hollow ring.

Envy basely withers at another's joy. The envious man feels others' fortunes are his misfortune; their profit, his loss; their blessing, his bane; their health, his illness; their promotion, his demotion; their success, his failure. Phineas Fletches said of envy,



**Strangely, not only have
the bad envied the good,
but the good have
envied the evil.**

"Sick of a strange disease, another's health."

Often people consider sins of the flesh like adultery and drunkenness as more heinous than sins of the spirit like pride and envy. Such classification is a radical miscalculation. In reality, sins of the spirit are more serious. No sin of the flesh put Christ on the cross. Rather, Pilate "knew that for envy they had delivered him" (Matt. 27:18).

More than one New Testament passage ranks the envious person with the debauched and the drunkard (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:21). The medieval divines recognized the severe

wickedness of envy when they counted it among the seven deadly sins, second only to pride. Recognized traditionally as a part of moral theology, the seven deadly sins give structure to Dante's *Purgatory* which follows their order, and are discussed in Chaucer's *Parson's Tale* and in Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus*. In his essay on envy Francis Bacon calls it the "vilest and the most depraved affection, the proper attitude of the devil, who is called the Envious Man, that soweth tares among the wheat by night." Envy has been termed "the four-lettered demon."

But because not a gross fleshly sin, but rather sleeky and subtle, envy can conceal itself under the guise of friendship, visiting in peoples' homes, dining with them, chumming with them, and all the time envying them. Or it can worm its way into church with little trouble. If someone suffers a temper tantrum in church, everyone around gets the benefit. If you envy, your closest neighbor need not know. The fellow who staggers into church drunk advertises his inebriation. But someone could envy repeatedly during a church service, during hymn, prayer, Bible reading, choir number and sermon, and not a single soul would be the wiser.

Because so subtle, envy is often found in the Lord's work. Jealousy in the Corinthian church drew Paul's rebuke. One noted revivalist said that among the half-dozen outstanding lessons he came to learn was this sad truth—even in Christian work "effectiveness of service usually meant envy and opposition on the part of some."

How easy to envy! No one need enroll in a school to master envy, which springs from the unregenerate human heart as weeds on a lawn. Paul describes fallen man as "full of envy" (Rom. 1:29).

How we need to live above envy! In his probing way revivalist Charles Finney wrote, "Look at the cases in which you were envious of those you thought were above you. Have you not so envied some that you had been pained to hear them praised? It has been more agreeable to you to dwell upon their failure than upon their success. Be honest with yourself, and if you have harbored this spirit of hell repent deeply before God."

With Dedication

Webster indicates that dedication is the act of committing to. To what? For completion of thought, this demands an object (what or whom). Thus considering the abundant life in Christ, we find that . . .

Dedication Is A Personal Matter

The object of our dedication should be the *person* of Jesus Christ. To get sidetracked into giving priority to the church, the cause of Christ, Christian service, or even to the approval of other Christians is to miss the mark. We need constantly to be reminded that He must have the preeminence (Col. 1:18).

The subjective side of Christian dedication is equally personal. While we should be giving our time, our talents, our money, and so forth, these are all secondary to that essential presentation of *ourselves* to the Lord.

Thus dedication is strictly a person-to-person affair; a matter of the heart. The outward manifestations which follow are the result of this dedication, not its substance or substitute.

Dedication Involves Submission

To be committed is defined as "transferring to a superior power." Three aspects of this implied submission in the Christian realm have become increasingly clear to this saved sinner.

First, submission is not a passive thing. The only part of us that is supposed to lie down and die is the flesh. Paradoxically that part wants to get up and go. The resultant struggle is an extremely active contest, which the believer cannot win in his own strength (Rom. 7-8). However, the New Testament does not use verbs like walk, run, flee, fight, ask, seek, study, strive, go and tell to encourage a "give-up" type of surrender. Submission is not a lack of action, but a re-direction of action.

By Mrs. Joseph Beach

Second, Christian submission is a growing thing (or it should be). There is no "instant" dedication. A bride does not receive a neatly gift-wrapped lifetime of successful marriage on her wedding day. She is now committed to the one she loves, but the successful product of a happy marriage will be the result of day-by-day effort. Likewise, though redemption is accomplished the moment the sinner accepts Christ, life is lived and victory is won on a day-by-day basis. The Apostle Paul said, "I die daily." He also said, "That I may know him." As we learn to know Christ more fully, He will reveal additional areas where we need to submit.

Third, Christians need superior power to enable them to submit sufficiently in order to experience true dedication. Christ said, "without me ye can do nothing," but He also gave the assurance that if we ask anything in His name, He will do it. In Acts 1:8 He promised the disciples that when the Holy Spirit came, they would receive power. Ephesians, chapters 4 and 5 describe the worthy walk and work of the believer in the power of the Spirit.

Dedication Produces Results

In I Kings 8, we read of the dedication of the temple by Solomon, and the placing of the Ark of the Covenant within the temple. The ark was symbolic of the presence of God. Note that following the placement of the ark and the dedication of the temple, "the glory of the Lord . . . filled the house."

What a picture for the believer whose body is likened to the temple of the Holy Spirit!

The Bible gives us examples of

living temples that glowed. When Moses came down from the mountain, after being in the presence of God, his face shone to the extent that the children of Israel were afraid to come near him; he put a veil over his face until he finished speaking to them (Exod. 34).

When Stephen stood before the council prior to his stoning, we are told that those assembled beheld his face as the face of an angel.

If our temples are fully dedicated, we may not literally shine, but the glory of the Lord will abundantly fill our lives and radiate out to reach others.

It will not be the same for all of us. Peter preached and won three thousand souls. The little boy gave his lunch. The widow gave her mite. Andrew found his brother. Mary broke the alabaster box of ointment to wipe the Lord's feet in a gesture of devotion. Joseph of Arimathea gave a tomb. Cornelius feared God and was faithful in prayer and almsgiving and God used him as a channel to help Peter learn that salvation was for Gentiles as well as Jews.

How wonderful that we do not have to be carbon copies of anyone else! The unique aspect of God's plan for each of us as individuals is a thrilling provision.

To fully dedicate ourselves to Christ, to allow the Holy Spirit to live the *abundant life* through us is the goal and task of a lifetime. God help us to do our part so that He may do His!

Lord, I yield myself to Thee,
All I am or hope to be
Now and through eternity,
With Thy spirit fill me.

Oswald J. Smith



Mrs. Joseph Beach

Her Life Is His

By Marcia Wardell



Miss Margaret Hull

"Faith"? What is it? It was an unknown theological term to a little girl who continually lacked the assurance of her salvation. True—her mother had told her that she had trusted Christ as her Saviour when she was only four. But night after night little Margaret felt compelled to pray: "Dear Jesus, I love You and I want You to be my Saviour. If I didn't mean it when I said it before, I really mean it now." A few days would pass, and then she would think, "Did I really mean that last prayer?"—and the process would be repeated. It was not until many years later when during high school she took a personal evangelism course offered by Youth for Christ in preparation for being a YFC counselor, that the verses she was learning in order to help others became a reality in her own heart.

Actually, *faith* has played a large part in Margaret Hull's life from the time of her birth when her parents were in home-mission work. She says: "Even then God was preparing the way for my own later walk of faith as we had to wait upon Him to supply the needs of a poor preacher's family. It was a very important matter which I had later to prove for myself—that God does care for His children."

Further, "I believe," says Margaret Hull, that "the decision to walk by faith in Christ is not one decision, but many, and as we decide correctly at each of these times, our faith grows stronger and we grow more in Christ.... It gets right down to this: do you believe God can do what He chooses to do."

Born in Knott County, Kentucky, Margaret is the third in a family of four children, a sister and a brother preceded her arrival. "I suppose we were underprivileged as we grew up there in the hills," she says, "but we didn't know it. And I think we were

highly privileged in many ways." Her parents were affiliated with the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission and the family lived in Kentucky until Margaret was eleven, when they moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to take up work with the Bible Club Movement.

Margaret's high-school years in Phoenix included extra-curricular activities in Youth for Christ, Bible quizzing, personal evangelism, and Scripture memory work whereby she earned a free trip to camp each year. At summer camp after her junior year of high school, something happened which Margaret cannot forget. She relates: "I don't remember what the message was about that one night, nor even if it was the message itself which gripped my heart, but never before had I so realized Christ's personal love for me and the necessity of response from my own heart. I saw Him as the suffering Saviour and it seemed that my heart would break from love of Him. I have never forgotten.... I think it was then that my personal love for Him really began. Though there were later periods of rebellion, that night I realized I owed my life to Him and it was His privilege to direct it. All which has come to pass in my life since then has been because of that decision."

While in nurses training at Good Samaritan School of Nursing, she was also involved in Christian activities—first as student body chaplain and later as a leader in the Nurses Christian Fellowship. During this time she became acquainted with and a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix. Two years after she received her nursing diploma she earned her B.S. in Nursing from Grace College.

Though desiring to enter missionary service in obedience to the Lord's command, Margaret was not sure of the board under which she should

serve. The following year, while she attended the Biola School of Missionary Medicine in Los Angeles, God gave her peace of mind about serving Him in Africa with the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society. Her course was finished in the spring of 1964, she received her appointment during national conference that year, and several months later she was on her way to the Central African Republic. She studied both French and Sango after her arrival on the field, and has been stationed at the Medical Center since that time.

"I try to believe in God for everything (although sometimes I forget!)," says missionary nurse Margaret Hull. "Back in my first year on the field, when I was just a beginner in making bread, I used to be laughed at for sometimes uttering the prayer, 'And, dear Lord, please make the bread rise.'"

"But there's nothing too small for Him, nothing too large. Like here in Bangui where I am today. I had to take the car to the garage this morning because it overheats. We all knew what was wrong; the radiator was full of grass seeds and that kept the air from getting to the water and cooling it. To remedy the situation the radiator has to be taken off and submerged in an acid bath for several hours until the seeds dissolve. We were hoping to leave for Boguila early tomorrow morning. So, when I took the car in, I told the man in my best French that if he could not get it done today, I did not want him to work on it at all because I wanted to leave early tomorrow. He said he would try. Gilbert (Aellig) told

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What a strange title! Why should you understand your preacher's wife? Isn't it her job to understand you?

Yes, you are right. It is her position, her place; and she is trying her best to fulfill that responsibility. But let us look at her position. She needs understanding too!

First of all, she is not only the wife of your congregation's pastor, but she is also your preacher's wife. Besides that awesome combination, she is the mother of the preacher's kids! How would YOU like that responsibility?

She not only hears your problems, she hears her husband's problems. She is also trying to raise several little youngsters so they won't be problems. Chances are she is bearing the heaviest part of the burden of raising those youngsters because her husband is busy working with your children.

More than likely, her husband is seldom home except for mealtime be-

cause of the press of the church work. That leaves Mrs. Preacher completely in charge of the PK's all day. She it is who sees that the youngsters practice their music lessons, do their homework, say their prayers, memorize their Scripture verses, do their Sunday-school lessons, get to bed on time at night.

When you consider that the phone rings in the parsonage on the average of twenty times a day, you must realize that answering the phone alone is a job. Then, remember, each caller has a reason for calling, for which Mrs. Preacher has to come up with an answer—be it information, directions, advice or consolation.

Wrap these calls around a day of housework, the usual clothes washing and meal cooking, plus most likely a service to attend at night, and you have quite a schedule. Not only the church services have to be attended,

she goes alone to school functions, band concerts and recitals, so the children won't feel their parents aren't interested.

One of the hardest things a minister's wife has to do is to fulfill Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Sometimes in a large church a pastor and his wife are called on to minister to brethren in deepest sorrow; and then in the same day, to attend a wedding with all its fun and feasting. That is hard on anyone.

Remember, your preacher's wife doesn't just go to the funerals she "feels" like attending, she goes to them all. This can number quite a few over a year's time. And no doubt before she went, she prepared a dish of food for the bereaved family.

Along with these few extra duties, she feeds traveling preachers and missionaries, many times without notice. If the meals were counted up, most parsonages would average well over the hundred mark extra a year.

Another difficult thing for a preacher's wife is that she must not have a close friend in the congregation. Of course, many women would love to be her close friend; but in her position she doesn't dare let her hair down to anyone. How would you like to be without a close friend? for a woman,

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Understanding Your Preacher's Wife

By Marjorie Brumme



FOLLOW YOUR MISSIONARIES



The David Shargels have been on the field (Bossangoa) in the Central African Republic since last summer and find their study of the Sango language a real challenge. They will soon find out how proficient they are with it as they look forward in March to moving to Bozoum at the Bible Institute.

The youngest member of the Shargel family, Daniel, is now seventeen months old. He is walking and is beginning to babble in a strange language, perhaps a composite of the ones he hears around there!

Dave and Cheryl ask that you pray, not only for your missionaries there, but for the local churches and pastors and the many converts resulting from the national campaign.

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me, 'Oh, they always say that, and then it takes twice as long as they say.' And so I prayed, 'Dear Lord, please help them to get the car done on time.' We went back to check at 3:30; it was not done. The garage closes at 5:00. At 4:30 I went back again and it was done! We must trust Him in the small things as well as the big things."

Back during the first months after she got into active nursing work on the field, Miss Hull wrote in a prayer letter: "'Medical Center' has many other meanings, some of them special meanings just for me. It means happiness, being in the center of God's will for my life. It means fulfillment, being able to care for needy people in a physical way. It means satisfaction, being able to spend time with the patients, talking about the Lord Jesus. . . ." Now in the second year of her second term, she still finds that "happiness is" being right where she is, in the center of God's will.

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- Suzanne Lynn Mensinger April 19, 1969
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YOUR PREACHER'S WIFE

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that is pretty rough. The preacher's wife's closest friend must only be the Lord Jesus Who can hear and understand her every problem.

The preacher and his wife come to a new church. She is anxious to please. Everyone wants her to attend their group meeting—theirs is the most important in the church. Pretty soon she finds herself zipping in and out of the house: Bible class in the morning, prayer meeting in the afternoon; the next day, missionary meeting in the daytime, prayer meeting at night; next day, maybe only an important coffee in the afternoon and prayer meeting at night (this is from actual experience).

Soon her children are calling, "Mom, where are my socks?" "Mom, did you wash my gym clothes?" She finds herself wearily staying up nights to do the washing and leaving the ironing to pile up. The house is left uncared for, all because she wants to please you.

Is that your preacher's wife? It shouldn't be. Don't expect her to be able to fill a schedule you couldn't carry.

Believe it or not, you will love her better if she isn't too active. In the churches in which the pastor's wife works the hardest—organizing and leading missionary groups, organizing girls' clubs, playing piano or organ, teaching Sunday school, perhaps working at camp—often these churches will take her for granted and expect more.

The churches in which a minister's wife has simply been Mrs. Preacher, doing only a few things but attending church services faithfully, seem to love and appreciate her the most.

But because she isn't completely involved in every organization in the church doesn't mean she isn't spiritual. Her fellowship with the Lord is the prime strength of her life. The Lord intended for the preacher's wife first to minister to the needs of your minister in order that he might better minister to your needs.

Pray for your preacher's wife just as often as you do for her husband. She longs for understanding and sympathy too.

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WMC District News

All Eyes on Florida!



Florida is really on the map. We are alive, alert and doing business for the Lord in an expanding way.

Florida District WMC was formed the years of 1966-67 under a capable president, Mrs. Herman Koontz. The bits of wisdom and wise guidance she gave will always be remembered. "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness" (Prov. 31:26).

During the few years of the Brethren Church in Florida, we have six churches with organized WMC's. With new testimonies being started, we are praying that the WMC may continue to expand its witness.

There have been various projects in the district such as: contributing financial aid to new district churches, helping the district quiz team to attend national conference, and assisting our president to meet some of her expense at national conference.

Our future is bright. Our Lord is able. He blessed us with land on which to develop a youth camp. This project is big, but what better way to develop young lives for Him?

We have progressed from having only one meeting a year to the present

three fruitful meetings—district conference, fall rally and a day of prayer. Our program chairman in each case has done a tremendous service to the Lord in the planning of our programs and each church has most graciously cared for us.

A highlight for me was the recent district day of prayer. We met in the Highlands State Park at Sebring. Those present were divided into four groups—two of the groups were in prayer while the other two were listening to tapes which were excerpts from Andrew Murray's book on prayer. This unique meeting was planned by our district prayer chairman, Evelyn Maycumber, and enjoyed by all.

Keep your eyes on the Florida District, for the Lord is going to do great things for His glory. Better yet—want to retire in a nice climate?

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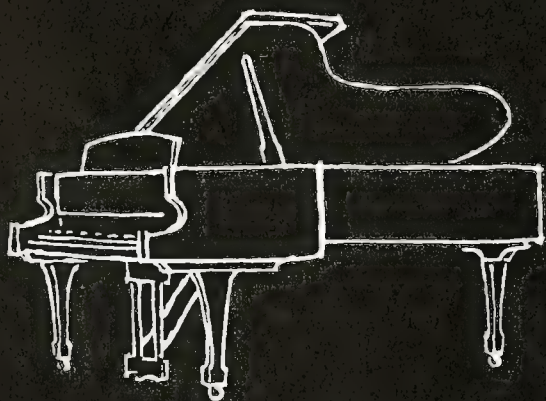
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Selecting Your Hymns

By Norman Voth



The exaltation and praise of the Lord in the singing of "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Col. 3:16) has characterized the history of the New Testament church. Objectively or outwardly, the Church has used music to praise God for salvation and redemption. Subjectively, music has stirred God's people to give themselves wholeheartedly to the task of spreading the good news of salvation.

The great Swiss scholar, Ulrich Zwingli, said this about church music: "No teaching, no injunctions sink so deeply into the heart of man as does music." The power to emphasize the Word is almost unlimited through the means of music. Martin Luther believed in the power of musical communication. He said, "Music is a divine revelation. I desire rather to see all the arts, and especially music, enlisted in the service of Him who gave and created them." Music is a creation of God and a true physical fact of divine revelation.

In the ministry of music, we must remember that music is not an end in itself but rather a means to an end. Our use of music should result in the edification of those who hear and participate in its production. Aside from this basic objective, our music ministry becomes shallow and meaningless. It may arouse the curiosity of the hearer, but it will produce no lasting benefit.

In music, as in other areas of communication, we are dealing to some extent with emotional responses. Someone has said, "Music is the universal language of the emotions." This being true, we should endeavor to communicate through music in such a way that we will generate the proper emotional response to the message being sung. When this happens, our ministry in music becomes purposeful and satisfying as well as glorifying to the Lord.

In the selection of hymns, we should have, first of all, a good work-

ing knowledge of the material available. It has been said that, next to the Bible, the hymnbook is the most valuable tool in the preaching of the Gospel. Therefore, we should familiarize ourselves with the hymnbook. An ignorance on the part of church leaders regarding good hymnody results in unwise selection. A broad knowledge of good hymns will produce more effective musical communication. Know your hymnbook and you will be able to use it profitably.

Second, look for continuity in your selection. Build your choice around a given subject, such as that of the message to be spoken. The dedicated musician recognizes that he is led of the Lord in his choice of hymns. In choosing the music for the programs of the Back to the Bible Broadcast, we regularly experience the evident leading of the Lord. Often we do not know the precise content of a given broadcast programmed weeks in advance, yet we see that the Holy Spirit has directed in choosing an appropriate hymn. Your experience can be the same as you prayerfully commit to His guidance the selection of your hymns.

Third, do not hesitate to use some new hymns if you believe they will meet a specific need. While familiarity produces a chord of response, and we should not overlook this fact, we should acquaint our people with good hymns, both traditional and contemporary.

A good song leader will familiarize himself with a new hymn before using it and thereby will be in a better position to lead his congregation in singing it. A good idea in using new hymns is to employ something new along with that which is more familiar. In this way, the musical communication of your service will not be lost by using music that is completely strange to everyone. In addition, you are constantly widening the appreciation of

your people for good music and also allowing the music to be a blessing to many.

Fourth, look at the lyrics of every song you choose. Even some well-known hymns have lines or whole verses that are theologically questionable. What about the music? Does it enhance the message? Is it singable? Will the hymn meet needs in the hearts of the congregation? If so, it can be used for blessing, even though it may be unfamiliar to some.

It is always appropriate to begin the Sunday morning worship service with a hymn of praise or adoration. After this, your selection can move in any one of several directions. Depending on the subject matter of the message, hymns of testimony, comfort, devotion or consecration can be used. Ask yourself, Is the hymn appropriate for this service? Does it say what I wish to convey? Choosing hymns at random or without a plan or purpose is inadvisable. The selection of hymns for a worship service demands the same care and thought as is exercised by the one preparing the spoken message from the Word. Too often the congregational songs are merely fillers for the program. As a result, the music fails to contribute to the proper atmosphere and continuity of the worship service.

In conclusion, may I emphasize that we should seek to glorify God in the selection of our hymns. Our hymns should lead those who sing them in the praise and worship of the Lord. We must be careful that our hymns communicate doctrinal truths consistent with the ministry of the Word. Finally, the singing of hymns should draw the Lord's people together in a fellowship of worship, praise and testimony by "singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

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By Althea S. Miller

Liberates

I don't know about you, but I'm fed up to here with the cacophony, Liberate Me! I've Been Mistreated! I Want Out! Nor are the sounds coming only from Women's Lib. Noises from the left, the right, dissident youth, minority groups, grumblings from majorities, deceptions of two-faced politicians, the bona fide cries of incredible need—name it and there's noise. Granted obvious and some not so obvious inequities do exist, giving credence to the noises of discontent, wouldn't it be great, for a change, to be "deafened" by some creative silence? To be so busy working *for* that the cries to be freed *from* would die a natural death? All liberation from must mean creative freedom to be or do that which is higher or better than that from which we were loosed. Otherwise we find ourselves in a vacuum, a place of non-life where nothing exists.

Let's think about liberation from a different stance. Rather than demanding some nebulous freedom for self, why don't we make a studied effort to liberate others. Oh, you don't shackle anyone? Are you sure?

Are people free to love you? Not if you expect that love because of who or what you are. But if you give yourself—no strings attached—a whole new world of genuine love and respect will open to you. Liberate others to love, by yourself loving them, sometimes in spite of, rather than because of. Admittedly, this is not always easy or to

your liking, but the Bible says: "...though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing" (I Cor. 13:3).

Are you critical of others in a destructive way? Do you salve over an unkind judgment or criticism with "this is for your own good"? No, you dare not condone sin, any more in another than in self. Neither is it your prerogative to set up yourself as the example of what is or is not sin. Use the faultless criteria for both judgment and example, God's Word.

When called on for an evaluation or opinion, be constructive. Gently point up weaknesses as you see them, considering your response when temptations batter you. Liberate to build another personality. It doesn't take any grace or creativity to destroy.

Are you forgiving? Before answering YES remember that to truly forgive means to completely forget. Now, can you still say YES? I have a rough time in this department. Just as soon as I think I've forgiven, a situation arises which "reminds" me of what I forgave last time. Somehow my forgiveness didn't liberate my antagonist from doing whatever previously required forgiveness. So why use my psyche as somebody's foot mat in forgiveness?

Honestly, I can't think of any personal answer to why I should forgive. There are times I'd just as soon tell my temporary enemy to jump in the lake and let me alone, but the Bible speaks to me. I'm to forgive seventy times seven! By that time it should be habitual, but when it isn't, I simply must go on forgiving. Surely

my forgiving will liberate somebody, sometime from guilt.

Are you a true liberator? You are if you sincerely want to free another to be what God wants him to be. Where do you find the desire and strength to loose men from bondage to sin and obligation to you? At God's throne through prayer. Personal, intimate, believing prayer to God through Jesus Christ will liberate loved ones, friends and self from the shackles of sin, and it is from sin that you need liberation. If nothing is impossible with God, why don't you work at liberating others and self from sin by faithful, unceasing, believing prayer? Don't knock it until you've tried it.

Liberation must be from the inferior to the superior; from bondage to sin—to freedom in Christ. This, I submit, is what true Liberation is all about.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all [present-day] saints (Eph. 6:18). Talk about creative Liberation!

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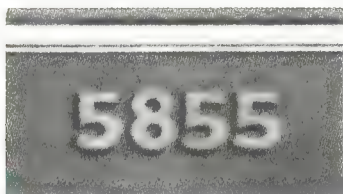
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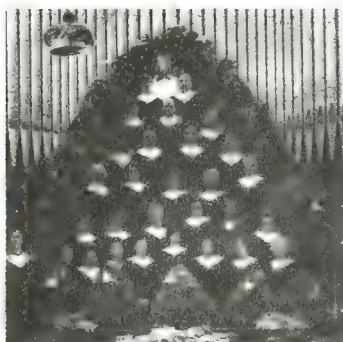
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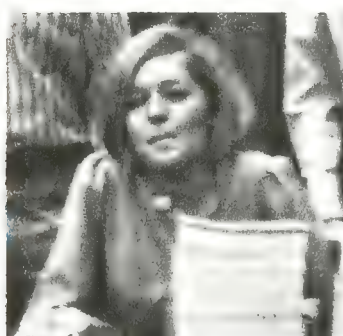
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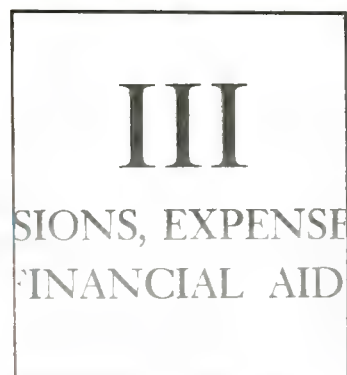
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Thoughts on Contemporary Music

The task of communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people is a basic command of God. The Great Commission tells us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20). The commandment is clear, but then we come to that old problem—How?

Let's talk about the work of how to communicate the truth and point up a problem which keeps coming back to plague us. When it comes to methods, they are as diverse as the individual Christian whom God has redeemed. Degrees of emphasis, individual personalities, can make the same set of truths come out a bit different. The need of being relevant to our day has a great deal of effect on our use of methods. The cry of the past few years has been that the church is not relevant to our times. This is an accusation that I will accept only if it is qualified, for I believe that there is nothing more up to date than the truth and *The* truth is the Word of God. As we have attempted to update our methods we face the constant problem of how far to go.

There are several areas where the updating of methods has attracted the most attention—for better or for worse—one is music. To pose the problem, let me ask a question. "Is there a danger in stooping too low to communicate?" The obvious answer is yes. Bending over to help is a very important part of Christianity and always has been. We have a seeking God who has repeatedly stooped over to pick up fallen humanity. The prime example is the condescending of Jesus Christ to

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By Charles W. Turner
Editor

take upon himself the form of man and then being willing to be a servant and the final step was His death for us. Yet in all of this lowering of himself He remained without sin.

So the fact of changing methods is not our sole concern, it is to what extent. In the realm of music we pick up the hymnal and find the wide range of style of communication. The old hymns of the church, followed by the good gospel songs and then by the choruses. This shows the ways we have manifested glory to God as times have changed.

Contemporary music then moves into the realm of Christian activities, but here the problem arises. Is it necessary to follow the *whole* outline of what the world is doing so that we can say that we are being relevant? Must the church copy the world to prove that we know and understand what they are doing? The answer to me is no! If we think the church must conform to the world to win them to Christ we are overlooking some truths of the Scripture. To become a child of God there is the need of turning *from* the world and turning *to* God.

The church places itself in an untenable scriptural position when we must duplicate the world's efforts to win them. "Be not conformed to this world . . ." (Rom. 12:1-2), is good sound Biblical principle to use as a guiding star in determining policy. The genius of Christianity has always been

that it is different from the world and it calls the world to come to God and learn of a new and nobler life. The trend of the day is for the church to say, we will be a little like you if you will be willing to be a little like us. So then we show by our slightly tainted reasoning that we will go along with some *religious* words and let the world supply the beat—mostly rock. This is to prove that we are a very understanding people and not really too unusual after all. So the beat of rock religious music increases, but the spiritual temperature hasn't shown much marked increase to date.

There is a danger of stooping too low. And the problem becomes apparent when you cannot tell the difference between the world and the church. Nothing is more Christian than the child of God lending the helping hand, lifting up the transgressors, and pointing them to God. Few things are more pitiful than Christians trying to be like the unsaved to show them that they are just "regular guys." Remember when we must accept the approach of the world we are saying that we have nothing better to offer. I am certain of one thing, we do have the answer. Therefore, let's stoop over far enough to be of help without conforming.

Digging in Sandy Soil at St. Pete

By Rev. William Tweeddale
Pastor, St. Petersburg, Fla.



There is something exciting about the prospects of having a "brand new home of your own." This is especially true after you have rented and "lived" under circumstances that left much to be desired. It makes ground breaking one of the big days for a home-mission church. The Brethren here in St. Petersburg, Florida, have been looking forward to it since the purchase of a beautiful five-acre plot of ground.

The beginning of a new year seemed like a logical time to begin a new church-building program. The time chosen was a bit different as it was a Wednesday evening rather than the "traditional" Sunday afternoon. The reason for this was to give our distant district Brethren an opportunity to share in the blessing. The idea was

successful and more than eighty people gathered at the site on January 6, 1971. Among these were four couples from our former Lancaster (Pa.) church pastorate.

The first one to dig in Florida's sandy soil was Mr. Marlan Denlinger. Mr. Denlinger was God's advance man to start the "St. Pete" work. It was about four years ago that he initiated the starting of the church, and it was through his foresight that the present church location was made available.

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Koontz followed Mr. Denlinger. The Koontzes ministered to the group following their ministry at Maitland and prior to our coming to the field. The next to take their "turn" were the trustees: Mr. D. Lambert, Mr. J. Slater and then the

pastor. Mr. Floyd Hartman, one of the pioneers, was also given the opportunity to assist in the shovel ceremony.

It was no coincidence that St. Petersburg was breaking ground the first week in 1971. God had made available a building superintendent, Mr. Lester Keyser, and he was on the location—ready to go. Mr. Keyser had just finished his work at Myerstown, Pennsylvania, where a new church was dedicated just two weeks prior to this event. So Mr. Keyser was given the shovel—ending the ground breaking but for him it was the beginning of a lot of "ground work."

The ground-breaking day was preceded by a record Sunday. On January 3, the first Sunday of a new year, we had a new record of 100 crowded into

our small rented facilities. This exceeded by 30 our recent record attendance of 70. In addition to the Floridians our congregation is made up of families God has sent us from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. The best news of the day was the six boys and girls from our area who came forward to accept Christ as Saviour. Four of these came from Roman Catholic homes. This was a great climax to the beginning of a new year and we know it was even a greater day in the courts of heaven.

God still answers prayer! We were having a difficult time getting any news coverage which is so essential in developing a new work. We made this a matter of specific and earnest prayer—praying for a Christian man to be employed on the local newspaper for a contact man. Three days later, God answered our prayer. A man from the Brethren church in Fremont, Ohio, called saying, “the Lord has led me to move to St. Petersburg.” What was this man going to do in St. Pete? He was a newspaper man and is now working for the very paper we would use for this type of promotion.

The Florida District has been a real help and encouragement. The district mission board met here the day of our ground breaking, therefore, every church in Florida had a representative

present.

The church building will be financed through our own Brethren Investment Foundation. It is really heartening to us the way Brethren people have invested funds designated for our church in the BIF. We have nearly enough designated for the entire building program. This is truly a blessing from the Lord.

St. Petersburg is one of the fastest growing sections of our country and there is a need for a Bible-believing testimony here. God has sent, and we

are praying He will continue to send, choice families to build this church.

We encourage families moving to Florida or spending the winter here to consider St. Petersburg. We desire to see families right here in our church community reached for Christ and would appreciate your prayers on behalf of our ministry here.

(Editor's note: Read the following article about another Florida home-mission church that has been self-supporting just one year. The Brethren Church is moving forward in Florida and keeping pace with a progressive state. Other new points are underway.)



Rev. and Mrs. William Tweeddale turn a shovel full of sandy soil at the evening ground-breaking service

The congregation stands in front of their current meeting place in a shopping center.



One Giant Leap for Maitland

The attention of the world was focused on Central Florida on the morning of July 16, 1969. Man, for the first time, was to begin a flight that would include a walk on the moon. Later that same day, a small group of believers met in Central Florida at the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland. Another launching, possibly more significant, was the subject of careful discussion and earnest, wisdom-seeking prayer. A vote was taken. All systems reported, "GO." At 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1970, we would "blast-off" from The Brethren Home Missions Council launching pad and go into a self-supporting orbit.

There was one big difference between the launching of the moon rocket and the Maitland church. The success of the moon launching depended on faith in man's ingenuity while the Maitland church was depending on faith in an Almighty God. God graciously and wonderfully honored that step of faith. During the year there were

By Rev. R. Paul Miller
Pastor, Maitland, Fla.

record highs in attendance: morning worship, 143; Sunday school, 123; evening service, 91; Wednesday "Share and Prayer," 60. Twenty-seven were received into our membership, representing ten new families.

Victories of faith were clearly seen in the financial records. In October, with a \$350 deficit in the general fund, the pastor's salary was increased \$10 per week. With only four Sundays remaining in 1970, the deficit had increased to more than \$400. It was estimated that \$1,600 would be needed to close the year in the black. On the closing Sunday, just two days following Christmas, \$709 was received for the general fund, making over \$1,900 for December. The total offering for the month was \$2,500. The total income during our first year

"on our own," was nearly \$23,000. For further encouragement to keep on trusting Him in this new year, the Lord provided through His people an offering of \$1,415 on the first Sunday of 1971. Praise His name!

There have been other evidences and actions of faith. In July of 1970, an expansion fund was initiated to cover the cost of a new Sunday-school wing (\$35,000—\$40,000). In the past eighteen months, the total indebtedness has been reduced by more than \$6,000.

Christ said, "According to your faith be it unto you." Our faith measures the amount of blessings we receive from God. It is the condition on which He will do things for us. Faith is heaven's currency.

To some, all of this may seem like just a small step, but to us, it was a giant leap of faith. We are glad we took it. How can we better please our loving heavenly Father?



Rev. and Mrs. R. Paul Miller

The one-year-old Maitland building.



Something Like Philippi

By Rev. Lester E. Pifer

The dedication of the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, is another demonstration of what God is able to do with yielded people. In the spring of 1967, Mrs. Willis Bowman wrote and asked for a meeting on how to get a Grace Brethren Church in Myerstown. President William Tweeddale of the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board and I met with three families in a farm home shortly thereafter. We outlined the procedure for organization and starting a Bible class and saw all present dedicate themselves to this task. A temporary meeting place was found, and the Myerstown "dedicated few" expanded into a rapidly growing church.

The months which followed have recorded the stories of new contacts, souls saved, lives transformed and the additions of hungry families yearning for the truth. In these months a beautiful site of property has been purchased and paid for, a new \$100,000 building has been located on that property and a congregation averaging 140 in attendance has been established. The spirit of involvement of this people—in the building program, in attendances at all services, and in the ministry of the Word of God is a refreshing sight. The 477 who attended the dedication service agreed wholeheartedly with Rev. Nathan Meyer that we need to take our stand for the truth and propagate it in these last days.

Currently, we have inquiries on file about prospects for new churches in two areas in Pennsylvania; in the Buffalo—Niagara Falls area of New York; two communities in Montana; Hemet, California; Jacksonville and West Palm Beach, Florida; Longview,

Texas; Colby, Kansas; Niles, Ohio; and two areas in the Carolinas. These open doors present to the Brethren Church some of the most challenging opportunities we have ever faced. Like the Apostle Paul, we stand in awe: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9).

Dr. Luke reveals some practical principles for church extension in the account of the birth of the church at Philippi. First, it takes men with courage as Paul and Timothy to go from place to place building up and establishing isolated folks in the faith (read Acts 16:4-5). Second, it takes men with vision to believe God and to act upon the direction of the Spirit of God (read Acts 16:6-11). We cannot minimize the thrill that must have coursed through the minds of these men as they entered into the province of Macedonia, knowing "that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them" (Acts 16:10). This third principle indicates the excitement of the joy of being able to proclaim the good news of the Gospel to a new people.

The writer of Acts carefully points out (in the fourth place) that at Philippi there were those who were exercising faith in prayer: "... we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made;..." (Acts 16:13). Imagine, the glorious surprise to be in prayer and to have God send the Apostle Paul and Timothy to minister the Word.

Fifth, in Philippi as in every field

there are those whose hearts are hungry and who will yield themselves to Christ when His claims are presented. "And a certain woman named Lydia, ... whose heart the Lord opened ..." (Acts 16:14). So marvelous must have been the work of the Lord in this woman's heart that she readily opened her house as a place for the proclamation of the Gospel (cf. Acts 16:15 with verse 40).

Apparently, this tiny group of believers continued to fellowship in this house as God continued His work in the hearts of others. The conversion of the Philippian jailor, his household, and we know not how many more through that demonstration of God's power marked the early history of this great church. No permanent work can be established for God unless those who hear will unite for the common purpose of the church, nor can we expect a church to be born apart from the blessing of God. Here then, are practical principles which can guide us in a master plan of church extension in these wonderful days of opportunity.

The Apostle Paul commended this church (II Cor. 9:2-5) for its liberality and grace in giving. History tells us that it was a spiritual church and a great work for God. Seemingly, the outline of this procedure in Acts and the fact that the same Lord is still on the throne plus the glorious truth that Christ says, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18), ought to stir us to activity in many new mission fields. What a privilege to be a part of God's work, the salvation of lost souls! It is our prayer that God may give the Brethren more modern day Pauls and Timothys, more Lydias and more Philippi.

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By Rev. Luke Kauffman
Pastor, Myerstown, Pa.

A Church Full of



Blessings

The time was Sunday afternoon, December 20. Four hundred and seventy-seven people joined together to sing, "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done."

The sanctuary was filled to capacity with blessings. Among the blessings was the fantastic crowd which had gathered. The parking lot was overflowing. God had done the impossible!

Almost six months earlier, ground was broken to begin construction on the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown. The congregation was not only told that it was impossible to conclude the construction in six months, but they were also informed that the cost would exceed \$135,000. What should the church do? Already the Brethren Investment Foundation had committed themselves to a maximum of \$90,000. On top of these obstacles, the church could not find a builder. The Brethren Construction Crew was not available. It all looked impossible!

Running parallel with the obstacles in construction, God was literally pouring out the blessings on this three-year-old congregation with an expanding membership and a mushrooming church attendance.

Three years ago twenty people met at the Keystone Fire Company in town to form the infant congregation. They had been directed by Rev. Nathan Meyer, a native of the area, to seek advice from The Brethren Home

Missions Council, Inc., and the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board. This they did. Rev. Roy Dice, Jr., from the Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, was called as their interim pastor. Rev. Eugene Martin from the Grace Brethren Church, New Holland, consented to lead the church in their midweek services. God blessed under the ministry of these men.

In the spring of 1969 the congregation extended a unanimous call to Rev. Luke E. Kauffman to become their first full-time pastor. He accepted the call and moved to the field in July. Exactly twelve months later church construction began.

Three weeks before construction was to begin, a breakthrough came when Rev. Ralph Hall, the church designer, called to say that he had located a man in Oregon who would come to Myerstown to help build the church structure. Immediately the building committee recommended to the church that it enlist the service of Lester Keyser from Albany, Oregon, to be the job foreman. He agreed to come and the church moved him and his wife east.

Mr. Lee Bashore, building committee chairman, who is also a general contractor, volunteered his services to act as purchasing agent and to sublet his employees for the construction job. The congregation pledged all of the labor it could give. And together

A rear view of the new structure at Myerstown.





Infants are dedicated to receive training in the way they should go at the Myerstown church.

these three avenues united to save \$40,000 in total building-fund costs.

At the beginning of the infant congregation, Rev. Nathan Meyer was asked to be the dedication speaker whenever God would raise up a permanent building in Myerstown. One month after church construction began, he was asked to suggest available dates for his being present for a dedication service. He replied with just one: Sunday, December 20, 1970. This only gave a period of approximately six months for construction. "Impossible," was the cry from everyone but the congregation. The church board unanimously voted to set the date for dedication on December 20.

Exactly two weeks before Dedication Sunday the building committee was served notice by local suppliers that the following items could not arrive until dedication was completed: (1) all folding doors and partitions; (2) the wall coat racks; and (3) the rest room partitions and fixtures. With this alarming announcement the church was asked by its pastor to go to God in urgent prayer. Pray they did. By Saturday before Dedication Sunday every-



Special guests crowd the platform for the dedication service.

thing had arrived and was installed. Praise the Lord!

Yes, this church was full of blessings. The huge audience was a blessing. The building fully completed on time was a blessing. The speaker's schedule was a blessing. The savings in construction costs was a blessing. The church was full of blessings.

More blessings are already on the

way, for attendance records have been broken successively during the first three Sundays in the new building. There are predictions that another building program could begin in the next eighteen months. During the last ten consecutive Sundays, God has consistently given public decisions. God is richly showering His church full of blessings!

A large junior choir provides a core of young potential.



By Isobel Fraser
Messianic Testimony

They came for the night and stayed for three weeks. And I am so glad they did!

A surprise phone call in the middle of November informed me that Bob and Lenora Boone, very dear friends from my home church, First Brethren of Fort Wayne, Indiana, would be coming to California on a vacation and to visit relatives. This time I was assured they would visit me.

They arrived at the mission on Friday, December 4, not sure how long they would stay; perhaps just over night. They did not want to be in the way. In the way! How gracious of the Lord Jesus to send them at this particular season with unlimited time.

December ascended on me with an overwhelming rush. So much to be done. Those "extras" do add joy and blessing to this precious season and open doors of opportunity but they also take time and strength. It might be the last minute, but I knew from past experience God always enables to accomplish everything. This year He sent help, which was especially needed now that I am on the field alone.

Just what did they do? "Moron work," for one thing. That is what folding, stuffing, and stamping that can be done without thinking is called. It was my desire to send our monthly praise and prayer list in time for the 15th, our denominational day of prayer. They made this possible.

Mechanically there have been some improvements. My own refrigerator, located in the breakfast room, is now fulfilling its appointed task. It needed contact with an outlet. The electrical parts of the gas stove also are now being utilized. I had been having trouble with the kitchen faucet and thought a whole new fixture was needed. This has been remedied by the replacement of a small part, which has also made possible the use of the dishwasher again, and just in time for the Christmas activities. These will suffice to show that Bob's abilities were ap-

propriated. Besides this, he provided transportation for some of the Jewish people. It is handy to have a man around the house.

Getting ready for Christmas affairs was easier and more enjoyable when shared with someone. Decisions, decisions. How nice to have another's ideas and suggestions on gifts for the Bible and blind classes—especially for the men. Lenora turned out to be a wonderful wrapper-upper and decorator. Hannukah and Christmas coincided this year and decorations for both were put up. During our various meetings these were used to show the similarities between the two holidays and point to the Lord Jesus as the great Deliverer and the first Christmas

gift. These truths were also shared with a group of junior high girls from our San Bernardino church who provided a special musical program for our evening Bible class.

Our holiday meetings began with a visit to the synagogue on Friday, December 18, with a group of young people and their sponsors from Los Altos Brethren Church. They came through a terrific rainstorm for the occasion. First hand they learned of the Jewish celebration of Hannukah and also observed a bas mitzvah. The latter is a ceremony that a Jewish girl (bas) participates in when she becomes thirteen and assumes her place of responsibility in Judaism. Though she participated in the prayers and the



. . . and stayed three weeks!

readings in Hebrew, this young lady said she was a better artist than a speaker. Therefore, instead of a speech, she presented a breastplate that she had made to be placed on one of the scrolls in the ark of the synagogue.

Following the service the group returned to the mission. Here again the Boones helped in serving the refreshments that they had earlier prepared for. A good discussion time followed, and it was after eleven o'clock before the group headed for home. It was a joy to find young people with such an interest in Jewish people and in reaching them with the Gospel. Several had already witnessed to Jewish friends.

There was a sidelight to the attend-

ance at the synagogue. Bob came home with the wrong coat. A bill in one of the coat pockets gave us the owner's name and we were able to obtain his phone number. He came to pick up his coat and return Bob's. In the short discussion about the bill as a lead to locating him, he told us his son would be playing for Stanford in the Rose Bowl game. Though he gave us no real opportunity to witness to him, he did accept a gospel tract.

Christmas is special. Jewish people are attracted to the joy and happiness of this blessed season, even though they deny the One whose coming makes this joy possible. As we seek to make them conscious of their need to believe in Christ, we share the material

joys. For the blind, it is a Christmas luncheon; and for the Bible class a few extras besides the usual coffee and—. Not only am I especially thankful for Lenora's culinary ability that added much to the success of the parties, but also to several WMC's. The Norwalk WMC sent a money gift that paid for most of the food extras for these meetings. The Westminster WMC ladies have made it an annual project to bake cookies for us. This year they sent 139 dozen. These were not only used for our meetings during December but were boxed and given as gifts.

Most important of all, spiritually the Boones' visit left an impact. Bob gave his testimony in song at a number of the meetings. Besides their contacts at the meetings, they visited a number of Jewish friends with me. By all they are warmly remembered. As one said, "How do you know such lovely people?" This gave opportunity to tell them that Jesus is the One who makes the difference. The question asked most often is, "Do you think they will come back soon?" I hope so!



ISN'T IT TIME YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE...?

The future is a funny thing. It's past before you know it. In spite of its brevity there are many things a person can do with it. Take yours for instance. You can plan a future that's centered around yourself and your ambitions, or you can plan one that involves others. If you've planned a future that includes others, the Brethren Investment Foundation would like to be part of it. The BIF needs your help. All around are Brethren churches which need financial aid. The foundation is anxious to assist, but without your participation it's limited in what it can do. Think about it. The Lord has given you your future . . . Why not give part of it back to Him?

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Church News

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. Mr. Edward Scofield, a senior at Grace Seminary, has accepted a call as pastor of the Good News Grace Brethren Church, but will of necessity be commuting until his graduation from seminary in May. At the present, Ed is working for Mr. W. James McCleary, A.I.A., who serves as architectural consultant for the Brethren Architectural Service, and Mrs. Scofield is an employee of the Christian Education Department, Winona Lake, Ind. The Scofields began their work for the Lord at Bowling Green on Feb. 1.

CHAPLAIN NOTES: U.S. Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Burton Hatch is now Base Chaplain at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Chaplain (Lt.) G. James Dickson, U.S. Navy, led the men of his Bible class in a threefold communion service on a barrel boat on the water of Guantanamo Bay.

U.S. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Bearinger has completed over 500 hours of flying by helicopter in Vietnam. He says: "I must confess I am getting a little tired, but am still keeping busy. I enjoy my visits and field services at the remote support bases very much. I feel certain my last five weeks will be as much of a challenge as the first five were."

CHANGES. All mail for the Mill Run Grace Brethren Church of West-ernport, Md., should be directed to the interim pastor, John Lancaster, 151 Hill St., Frostburg, Md. 21532 or to the church secretary as listed in the *Annual*. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Williams, 8809-E Salmon Falls Dr., Sacramento, Calif. 95823. Rev. and Mrs. Ord Gehman, 1777 Wellesley Dr., Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91360. Rev. and Mrs. Ward A. Miller, 3724 Columbine Dr., Modesto, Calif. 95350. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Russell, 50 Rittman Rd., Rittman, Ohio 44270. Please change *Annual*.

FORT WAYNE, IND. A summation of the past year's accomplishments at Grace Church revealed there had been 69 public decisions, including 48 first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour. There was also the fact presented that the best average attendances of any year for Sunday worship services had been achieved. Quentin Matthes, pastor.

SANFORD, N.C. The year of 1970 was one of blessing in the Sanford Grace Brethren Church, and also was the year in which the church was accepted into the Southeast District and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. A call is being sent out now for those who would be willing to be used in this pioneer work for the Lord—more workers are needed in this church. Pastor Adam Rager finds it necessary to work full time in order to support his family. In writing regarding the work situation, Mrs. Bert Jordan, church correspondent, states there is an opportunity now open for a brick layer. Would you be able to relocate in this area? Think about the possibility, and ask for the Lord's leading.



The First Brethren Church choir forms the human Christmas tree that added an unusual effect to their Christmas cantata.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. A unique presentation was given by the choir of the First Brethren Church as a human Christmas tree was formed during a special service. The outside edge of the figure was made up of 22 trees illuminated by approximately 750 lights. The choir rendered the cantata, "Born A King," which was directed by Mrs. Helen Ogden Rasbach, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden of Akron, Ohio. According to reports, there were 404 in the audience the night of the production, which was the largest crowd in attendance at a church service for over 15 years.

On Christmas Eve, when the choir sang a shorter cantata, the local T.V. station came to the church with camera and lights and took pictures (in color), and the choir was featured on the 11 p.m. newscast, and also pictures were repeated twice on Christmas Day. This type of news coverage was greatly appreciated by the church. Wesley Haller, pastor.

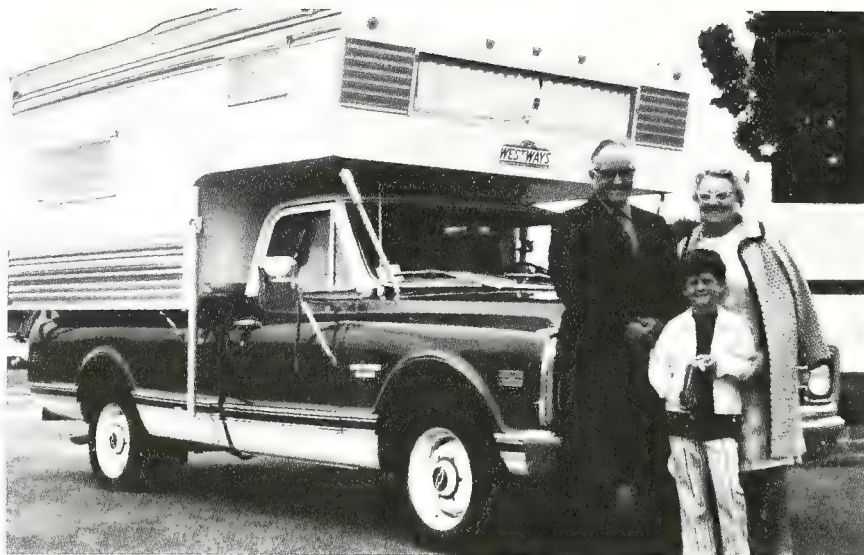
WASHINGTON, D.C. President Richard M. Nixon recently received representatives of the Wycliffe Bible Translators in his White House Office. Wycliffe's General Director, Dr. William Cameron Townsend, reported to President Nixon that Wycliffe workers had entered their 500th tribe. President Nixon was presented a specially inscribed copy of the book about Wycliffe, *Who Brought the Word*. An autographed Bible was given to Dr. Townsend by the President.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DONAHUE, Rev. George, 99, went to be with the Lord Jan. 6. Ordained in 1896, Mr. Donahue began preaching at Big Rock in Roanoke County, Va., a pastorate that lasted 10 years. He later had pastorates at Coopers Cave in Franklin County, Va., and at Boones Chapel in Roanoke, Va. The funeral service was held Jan. 9 at the Clearbrook Brethren Church with Rev. Henry Radford in charge, assisted by Rev. K. E. Richardson and Rev. Robert Combs. A quartet of district ministers sang and pastors served as pallbearers. Pastor Henry Radford said: "We can say like Paul that this dear brother fought a good fight and kept the faith to a ripe old age."

RISSER, Mrs. Howard, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland began the new year with the Saviour—Lord whom she served so faithfully. The church has lost a strong soldier and prayer warrior. Having been paralyzed due to an automobile accident, she was confined to her bed for the last 30 years, but she prayed much for the ministries of the church. She was the mother of Rev. Dean Risser, pastor at Coraopolis, Pa. Knute Larson, pastor.



This new camper will make itineration more convenient for the Voorhees, pictured here with their grandson, Brent Collins.

ANAHEIM, CALIF. An interesting and important event took place on a recent Sunday at the Grace Brethren Church. The Duey Voorhees, who have returned from service as short-term missionaries in the Central African Republic, purchased a beautiful new camper, which they will use as they itnerate among the churches telling of their missionary experiences. They felt that since their new home-on-wheels would be used in the Lord's service, it should be publicly dedicated to God. Since it was at the Anaheim church that they received their inspiration to serve in Africa, they felt they would like to have the dedication here.

Accordingly, after the morning worship service, the congregation was invited to assemble on the lawn of the church property, where the shiney new vehicle was parked. Pastor David Willett assisted retiring pastor, Rev. Donald Carter, in a brief service of dedication, after which an invitation was extended to inspect the new home.

STOYSTOWN, PA. At the annual meeting of the Reading Brethren Church, the pastor, Rev. Arthur Collins, was unanimously invited to continue as under shepherd with a token increment in salary. Arthur Collins, pastor.

DUNCANSVILLE, PA. The birth of a daughter was announced by Pastor and Mrs. John Gregory on Dec. 30. Stephanie Rae had top rating at 8 lbs. 10 oz., and also rated tops with her two brothers, Keith and Daniel. Stephanie's father is pastor of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Connie Kieffer and Donald Gregory, Dec. 19, 1970, in the York (Pa.) Grace Brethren Church. The groom's brother, Pastor John Gregory, officiated at the ceremony.

Stella Horn and Timothy Metcalf, Dec. 19, 1970, First Brethren Church in Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Kenneth Ashman and Rev. Robert Kern officiated.

Ellen Simmons and Raymond Hodges, Dec. 19, 1970, Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Sheila Hamilton and Brad Roseborough, Jan. 2, at Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Los Angeles, Calif.	Feb. 28-Mar. 5	Ronald Graff	Nathan Meyer
San Bernardino, Calif.	Mar. 7-12	James McClellan	Nathan Meyer
Berne, Ind.	Mar. 14-19	No Pastor	Allen Herr
Telford, Tenn.	Mar. 14-21	Donald Farner	Dean Fetterhoff

Gringos in Mexico

Betty Wallen
West Covina Brethren Church
West Covina, California

Our greeting to Missionary Walter Haag at national conference in Long Beach was "When can we go to Mexico again?" We had been to Baja California three times with our high school group doing jobs of painting and roofing. The need of construction help on a church building in Caborca, Mexico, had challenged us, and after consulting with Mr. Haag it was decided to set a departure date of December 28.

During the next few months two shoe boxes, covered with a brick-patterned paper, were passed throughout all the departments in our Sunday school. Over \$200 was given for the bricks (6"x12" baked adobe). Women in the WMC prayed faithfully for the needs of the trip. We all prayed that we would remain in His will as we planned the details and that we would do it all to glorify Him.

We left the Monday after Christmas with five adults, one teenager and five children. (Pastor Haag brought a teenage boy from the San Ysidro church with him.) The trip was a long one, over 500 miles from West Covina, California, to Caborca, Mexico.

We started seeing the Lord's guiding hand on the trip as we traveled. At the last minute, a new Christian in our church had come along. How we appreciated Jess' bilingual ability as we crossed the border for inspection. There was some confusion as we had mistakenly taken the wrong car registration with us. But the officials only wanted to see our visas and the car's "pink slip," and these papers were in order.

We arrived at our destination on Tuesday afternoon and work was started the next day with the Mexican men doing the brick laying and our men sifting sand through a screen. It was difficult not to think we had to show them how to do it "right" (that is what we felt was the right way—the American way). And yet, the workers tried to follow Senor Haag's method of listening—and then following directions. The small amount of cement being used in the construction bothered one man, an electrical engineer. John would sneak an extra shovel full of cement into the mixture of sand and lime whenever he could. Yet, we realized again and again that this was the natives' church, and their country, and that the "loco gringos" should not try to take over.

We attended church services each night with our hosts in a rented building that was being used. What an experience! So many different things to see. The first night we became accustomed to men and women sitting on different sides of the church, hard wooden benches, three-hour services, and the open doors letting in the cold air. However, the people were so warm in their greetings and would shake hands with each of us as we would enter or leave the building.

The last night we were to be in Caborca was New Year's Eve. Pastor Haag had mentioned a Communion service, and we were anxious to participate. The service started as the other services had with singing to the accompaniment of guitars. They stood

for each song, the reading of the Bible, and prayers.

The local pastor, Senor Munoz, spoke for a while, then Missionary Haag explained the service. Despite the language barrier, we could see what a clear picture he was giving of the threefold service. He emphasized the symbols of cleansing and the importance of being born again and being in fellowship with the Lord.

The Foot Washing service was so dear to us and we hoped they too were blessed. It seemed to end so quickly. Although I could not communicate in words with the women—we could embrace and pat hands.

We had a time of testimony with Pastor Haag acting as interpreter for us. The service finished with the partaking of the Bread and the Cup.

It was 11:30 p.m.—four hours since we had started. We returned to our trailers and listened to the firecrackers at midnight. The Mexican people took a break for tamales, then their service continued! Their love for the Lord, and their hunger for the Word caused them to stay and fellowship with one another. I wondered at my relationship with the Lord when I remembered how I often watch the clock in my own comfortable church.

We drove off early the next morning, waving good-by to Pastor Montez and Pastor Haag. The trip had been so good, great, wonderful! As we looked back at all the planning, and the trip itself, we saw that Romans 8:28 was true.

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God Was Alive at Urbana

"Think for a moment of the potential here: students from all over the country and other parts of the world, met here specifically to study missions. How long shall we sit analyzing, questioning, arguing, discussing, before God lays hold on us with power to thrust us out to the billion and a half who have never yet heard? But one can pray—and I ask this of you all. Lay hold with all your powers upon the Lord of the Harvest that He would make the effects of the convention resound in dark places for His Name's sake." Thus reads a letter (included in the book, *Shadow of the Almighty* by Elisabeth Elliot) written by the late Jim Elliot to his parents as he considered the first Urbana Convention in 1948.

At the ninth convention, Urbana 70, in December, these words still remained true. The potential that Jim Elliot wrote about was there in the twelve thousand plus attendance. And truly the Spirit of God was alive as hundreds of students were led to commit their lives to service for Him. God was alive at Urbana. His presence was known by all.

In the opening session one comment was made regarding the crowded conditions. It was quoted from one of the organizers of the Woodstock Rock Festival, "if you want to get along here you're going to have to believe the fellow next to you is your brother." Truly this had even more significance at Urbana 70.

Students arrived from all over the United States, Canada, and many far away parts of the globe. Room assignments were made so that there was representation from most places in the U.S. on every floor and quite a few people from foreign nations. Small group Bible study and prayer helped to unite everyone in a real feeling of unity and fellowship.

Daily the entire group of students met in mass assembly both morning and evening to hear many outstanding speakers. Each morning John Stott led an hour of Bible exposition from the Gospel of John.

By Geoff Huys
Senior, Grace College

The emphasis during the mornings was upon the changing concepts of world evangelism. Much emphasis was also placed upon the need to do more for men than to just preach the Gospel. "Missionaries should be prepared to work with people and to help care for their physical needs as well as the spiritual needs."

After a break for lunch the students were all free to attend a number of workshops and discussions dealing with a multitude of topics relating to world missions.

Evenings again brought everyone together in assembly to hear some very excellent speakers. Dave Howard spoke about "Student Power in World Evangelism" where he cited numbers of cases where real revival began with groups of concerned students getting involved with the task of missions. Tom Skinner discussed the "U. S. Racial Crisis and World Evangelism," where he dealt with many concepts relating racial tension to evangelism.

Tuesday brought Paul Little's topic, "God's Will For Me and World Evangelism." Mr. Little discussed many principles which Christians may use in knowing just what the will of God is for their lives. He also included a list

of nine common mistakes people make relating to God's will for them. Leighton Ford spoke on Wednesday using the topic, "Is Man Really Lost?" Mr. Ford pointed out what the Bible has to say about the "condition of man."

John W. Alexander, the head of Inter-Varsity, concluded and tied together the week of meetings with his topic called, "Where Do We Go From Here In World Evangelism." Officially the convention ended with, as one student put it, "the most unusual New Year's Eve I've ever spent." A communion service with twelve thousand brothers and sisters in Christ gave to all the sense of unity in Christ that had been building up all week.

Grace College and Grace Seminary were well represented at Urbana by the presence of over twenty students from the college and seminary. Professor P. Fredrick Fogle was also present and represented the college and seminary with an information booth where interested people could obtain catalogs and have their questions answered. Interest ran high as most of the catalogs and other information were taken.

Most of the Grace people who went were sincerely challenged to consider many ways to serve in missionary endeavor. The impact of Urbana went with many back to Grace campus where it continued to be shared by those who were able to attend.



Grace people at Urbana 70. Seated (l to r): Linda Adams, Debbie Tressler, Sue Bowman. Standing (l to r): Geoff Huys, Prof. Fredrick Fogle, Terri Stall, Ann Engleberth, Darrell Hawbaker, Donna Hawbaker, Gail Ebersole, Tim Waggoner, Myron Jones, Jerry Burkholder, Ginny Schneider, Gary Hanson, Joanne Dion, and Dave Wickstrom.

III

ADMISSIONS, EXPENSES, AND FINANCIAL AIDS

Admissions

Any person desiring to study in an evangelical Christian college with high academic and social standards is invited to apply for admission to Grace College. Each applicant is assured of careful consideration regardless of denomination, race, or national origin.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

A prospective student may secure an application packet either from a college representative or by writing to the Director of Admissions. Application forms should be completed and returned at least three months prior to the date of intended enrollment. Students completing application within the last month before registration cannot be assured of consideration for that school term. Under no circumstance will official acceptance be granted until all application materials have been received.

An application fee of ten dollars (\$10) must accompany the application for admission. This fee is intended to help cover the costs of processing the application and is not refundable.

Single students (who must reside on campus or in other college-approved housing) must also include a fifteen dollar (\$15) room reservation deposit with their application. It is refundable only if written cancellation of the reservation is received at least thirty days before the beginning of the semester for which the reservation is made.

A prospective student's admission is determined by the Admissions Committee, and is not to be assumed until a letter of acceptance has been received from the Director of Admissions. No new student may register for classes until he has been officially admitted.

Tax Exempt Status Is Safe

A new wrinkle in the tax exempt status of educational institutions has appeared on the scene. Each educational institution was recently served with a questionnaire covering several vital issues, and all these gathering about the admissions policy of the school in relation to the laws on integration.

The first question to be answered was the admissions policy of the school now in operation. Does the school admit students without discrimination as to race, color, or national origin?

If this policy is now in operation, how long has it been in operation, and how widely disseminated is the information?

If this is the policy, supply evidence such as statements in the college catalog, brochures, newspaper accounts, and so forth.

If this policy is not now in operation, has any action been taken to initiate this policy, and how soon will it be put into operation?

It was made perfectly clear that any failure to comply with the law at this point would disqualify the institution for tax exempt status.

It was reassuring to know that Grace Schools qualified fully for the tax exempt status. The admissions policy of the school has not changed from its beginning. For the college, it is to be found on page 23 of the college catalog:

"Any person desiring to study in an evangelical Christian college with high academic and social standards is invited to apply for admission to Grace College. Each applicant is assured of careful consideration regardless of denomination, race, or national origin."

This statement does not appear in the seminary catalog because this has been the policy of the seminary from its very beginning. But from this point on it will appear in the seminary catalog. However, there is abundant evidence from the catalog that no

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

discrimination has been practiced.

All the literature of the school provides evidence of this policy, and because of the traditional policy of the school, it never occurred to the officials that it would be necessary to make a special point of it.

As widely as the literature of the school has been disseminated, this policy has been known and we have rejoiced in the privilege of training Christian young people from foreign countries and from other than the white race.

From the very beginning when Federal Aid was made available to students, schools were required to sign a contract in which they agreed not to discriminate against race, color, or national origin. This we were glad to do because it was already the practice of the school.

Where huge sums of money have been received from the government to erect various building facilities, this stipulation was also in the contract, and so far as I am informed it appears in every contract where government aid of any kind is allocated. Grace Schools accept student aid, but they do not receive monies for facilities.

It may be of interest to those who read this editorial to know why Grace Schools have always welcomed students from other races, color, or national origin.

The reason is basically Biblical and spiritual. Since the seminary was engaged in preparing men and women for ministry and missionary service, and these students were going out to win to Christ men and women of other races, living in foreign countries; these converts actually becoming brothers and sisters in Christ, we could not possibly hold to the clear teaching of the Scriptures without also being ready to admit such converts to the school.

When the college was organized, it also followed the same Biblical pattern and therefore the same admissions policy.

In all these years we have not had any reason to reevaluate or change this policy. Many students from other nationalities, races and colors have received their instruction within the halls of Grace Schools and we are proud of them and rejoice that it has been our privilege to educate them.

Not all colleges or seminaries follow the same policy as Grace Schools. In every case there are reasons that relate to each particular case, and those schools must be judged on the merits of the cases in question. Grace Schools will not elect to sit in judgment on those schools.

One such school is Bob Jones University. A recent letter from the president of Bob Jones University explains the peril in which they now find themselves. "It looks as if Bob Jones University will lose its tax exempt status shortly." This, I am sure, will be a major blow to that school.

Its location in a racially torn area of the United States could pose problems that are insurmountable were they to relax their admissions policy. On the other hand, endeavoring to preserve the school by refusing to change the admissions policy may impose upon them a tax burden too heavy to bear.

This is a time when God's people need to pray that the administration of Bob Jones University will be given wisdom from above to face the issues, and in the event that they must undertake a greater financial burden that God's people will rally to the cause.

This school has had a great ministry for almost a half century and it would be a calamity in the work of the Lord if this school were curtailed in its wide ministry to Christian young people.

When praying, please remember all the Christian schools that are struggling against almost insurmountable odds to survive in a strife-torn, escalating, Satanically controlled economy.



Students Talk About Grace

In response to questions about their studies, the faculty, sports, music, chapel, and their spiritual, social, and intellectual growth, these students share both their views and their feelings.



VIDA LEAVER,
Akron, Ohio.

Junior—Activities: Sounding Board Staff, Resident Assistant, Member Student Education Association.

"My beliefs have been challenged continuously since coming to Grace. Frankly, I thought I was avoiding such an experience by attending a Christian college. I knew my convictions were on shaky ground and could collapse under scrutiny."

Vida continues: "Various speakers and faculty members repeatedly stressed *knowing* what we believe and why we believe it. This resulted in serious heart searching, also a great deal of apprehension because I was witnessing the struggle of many of my friends on secular campuses as they met the opposition of various religions and cults. I didn't want the struggle, just wanted to know that what I believed was right."

"Through my professors I learned to let the Holy Spirit guide me through the study of the Word of God. As a result, I am experiencing the reality of what Christ can do when our relationship with Him is not hampered by unbiblical propositions."



ANNA CLARK
Warsaw, Indiana.

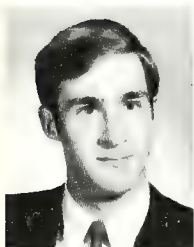
Sophomore—Activities: Sounding Board Reporter, Child Evangelism Class Teacher.

"I entered Grace College as a freshman, knowing the Lord was directing me here, wanting to learn every last thing I possibly could, but not expecting to really like Grace."

"In only a few short weeks I came to love and respect Grace College—wouldn't trade anything for the experiences of my freshman year, the thrill of teaching a Good News Club Bible story to a group of eager children, the satisfaction of learning the Greek alphabet, the humiliation of returning from swimming class with dripping hair."

Anna adds, "there are indescribable memories—just sitting entranced during Virgil Fox's organ recital, skiing for the first time at a winter retreat in Wisconsin, waiting in dread for my first piano jury, the missionary conference, and long rainy afternoons spent in the security of the library."

"The faculty here, their personal interest, and the classroom atmosphere is unlike anything I experienced in high school. Learning has been a joy with such dedicated men and women as teachers."



TAD HOBERT

Dalton, Ohio.

Junior—Activities: Vice President of Grace Missions in Action.

"Grace is not a Utopia . . . but through yielding to Christ we can find His place for us on a Christian campus . . . whether on the basketball court, in a class, or serving on or off campus. Christ expects to predominate."

"I especially enjoyed teaching a Bible study for young people in Columbia City, witnessing on the street . . . doing door-to-door visitation . . . and seeing souls won to Christ as He used us."



JOAN LESH

LaPorte City, Iowa.

Junior—Activities: Music Educators National Conference, Women's Recreation Association Treasurer.

"Grace not only offers an up-to-date liberal arts program, but also provides a basis for a sound spiritual training and growth, as shown in our school verse this year: Jeremiah 33:3, 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.'"

Joan observes, "one of Grace's greatest assets is its faculty, which is concerned for each student both in and out of the classroom . . . not only are they dedicated to their role as teachers, but also to being top-notch Christians."



HAZEL NORRIS

Dayton, Ohio

Sophomore—Activities: Class Treasurer, Spiritual Editor of the Heritage.

"Now in my second year, I'm realizing that Grace is more than exams, lectures, sporting events, musical groups,

and a collection of students and faculty. Any school can offer these things."

"Grace has what the song, 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds,' talks about. Outward evidences of this are the chapels, Bible and missionary conferences, prayer meetings, and sharing times with fellow students."

Involvement in life at Grace has brought Hazel "new spiritual insight as well as social and intellectual opportunities."



JUDY HERMAN

Winona Lake, Indiana.

Junior—Activities: Sounding Board Staff, French Club, Chorale, Class Officer.

"Having lived at Winona for thirteen years, the idea of traveling five blocks to a college I already knew inside out did not seem too thrilling to me. But through many answers to prayers, the Lord has shown me that this is where I should be. He has also helped me through all the rough spots, and college is full of them."

As Judy reflected upon some of her friends who have gone to other colleges, ruined their lives with drugs, even followed false beliefs, she asks herself, "Where would I be now if it weren't for my Christian home, and if I hadn't come to Grace?"

"The thing I will remember about Grace," she concludes, "is that here in the middle of a confused and violent world, I was able to find a place where young people still have the peace of God and love for each other."



GEOFF HUYS

Osceola, Indiana

Senior—Activities: Sounding Board Editor, Social Studies Major.

"Grace College has meant God's will in my life for the past two years. Right in the middle of my plans to study for a degree in accounting at a state university, God brought me here to study history."

"Grace has meant trials and even absolute failure in some areas, but in it all, God has worked and loved me. In fact, just when I thought I could not afford to stay at Grace, God worked miracles to keep me here."



JOHN FITZ

Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Senior—Activities: Business Manager of the Sounding Board.

"Originally, I had not planned to go on to college, but the Lord showed me the need for more education to round out many areas of my life. Since being at Grace the most important aspect is spiritual." To this end, John has found that the Day of Prayer, "when the entire school meets for a time of prayer," provides a real "spiritual lift."

John considers the faculty a "most dedicated group of people . . . willing to listen at any time and to help you work out any problem you might have."

"Grace is more than just a college," says John, "it is a Christian college, where the Bible is taught and believed."



KAREN GALLO

Stoystown, Pennsylvania.

Junior—Activities: Junior Class Social Chairman.

"Education with impact! Three years at Grace has disciplined and cultivated my ideas, attitudes, and ideals as a Christian young woman. It has taught me the power of faith in the face of seeming insurmountable obstacles."

Karen also "discovered a kind of love between students and faculty that forms a lasting bond . . . with a concern for each other that is real and meaningful."

"As a speech major I would like to teach on the secondary level and instruct drama classes."



SALLY BECHTEL

Minerva, Ohio.

Sophomore—Activities: Class Social Co-chairman, Women's Recreational Association Secretary

"My assignment from the Lord, to attend a small Liberal Arts College, was very strange and confusing. I had heard all

about Grace from my older brothers who were attending there, but I was not contemplating following in their steps."

Since coming to Grace, Sally has thanked the Lord many times for the Christian influence of her brothers and their friends, their help in her studies and music, and the opportunity to accompany them on gospel teams.

She rates Grace "at the top of the list" in its influence in helping her prepare to serve the Lord in music, art, and many other ways.



DAVID MCCOMAS

Rittman, Ohio.

Junior—Activities: Choir, Member of the Crusaders (the Ten Singing Men of Grace).

"Grace College means more to me perhaps than it does to the great majority of the students here, because it was here that I trusted Christ as Saviour and Lord of my life."

"I praise God for my dear sister who talked me into coming here. Until two years ago she was the only one of our family that was saved."

"Tired of fooling everyone, except God and myself, I remember getting down on my knees one Friday night two years ago and asking Him to come into my heart."

"Grace College is in the 'people business,' winning them, teaching them, and helping to build their character."



TERESA "TERRI" STALL

Wooster, Ohio.

Junior—Activities: Secretary of Grace Missions in Action, Resident Assistant.

"In a day when many so-called 'Christian' schools are lowering their standards to those of the world, Grace still stands for the truth of the Bible."

Terri says that Grace has met her desire to attend a small Christian college offering a teaching degree.

"Classes covering the academic requirements are related to our everyday lives by the faculty. God's Word cannot be alienated from subject matter."

She appreciates the Christian Service program which provides the opportunity to put into practice what she has learned.

A Bunch of Spiritual

Straws

By John McIntosh
Senior, Grace College

What unrequired activity at Grace College could possibly attract 50 percent of the student body? It involves 50 percent of the freshmen, 48 percent of the sophomores, 52 percent of the juniors and of the seniors, 58 percent.

Grace College is a Christian Liberal Arts College and while no type of spiritual service is required of its student body as is the case in most Bible colleges, yet all students are *urged* and *expected* to be involved. Students entering Grace have no problem finding areas of service for the Lord. Grace Missions in Action (GMA) under the student direction of Dan Snively, the student body Chaplain, offers many opportunities for interested students.

Chaplain Lee Jenkins is now serving as Chaplain for Grace College and Seminary. Jenkins had formerly been in the government chaplaincy service for twenty-six years when he felt the call of the Lord to Grace. He is also Christian Service Director at the college.

Campus Crusade, whose purpose is to share Christ with other college students at area campuses has gone several times to Purdue University. This group numbering as many as thirty has seen on an average of five first-time decisions for Christ each visit.

Approximately fifty students conduct twenty-five Good News Clubs in the Lakeland area, which includes about five counties surrounding Winona Lake. These clubs are designed for elementary-age children who meet in the home of a hostess in their neighborhood. The program consists of organized Scripture memorization, singing, missionary time and prayer which are focused on the six to twelve year level.

The jail-team ministry is another branch under GMA. Twenty-five students visit the jail where many men and women finally meet Jesus Christ. Myron Jones, the student leader of this group tells of a man charged with a serious crime who received Jesus Christ and turned from his rebellion against God and society. The courtroom during his trial was filled with his thanks to God for forgiveness from

the crime he admittedly committed.

Perhaps you have seen and heard one of the Grace College Gospel Teams which is another aspect of GMA. After a singing group has been endorsed by the music department, student chairman Bruce Sellers meets with them and helps the team establish some goals. There are four groups that go out to the churches in the area: "The Crusaders," a group of ten college men; a quartet called the "Conquerors"; another men's quartet and an ensemble. Sometimes these teams travel great distances to help with such activities as youth retreats and district conferences.

Each week concerned Grace students visit the local nursing homes. The time of prayer and Bible study serves as an encouragement not only to the senior citizens, but also to the thirty to forty who help each week.

There is also a division of GMA called personal evangelism. It concerns itself with spreading the Gospel to the man on the street through distribution of tracts and the presentation of personal testimonies. Also door-to-door evangelism is carried out by this group of approximately forty students.

Each of these branches of GMA reports its accomplishments to the weekly prayer and praise gatherings. The student leader establishes a convenient meeting time for prayer and a time of sharing how Christ has been working.

Yes, approximately 50 percent of over 600 students at Grace College are involved in Christian service. Many think this percentage is commendable; others may say it doesn't seem like much for a Christian college. Whatever your reaction may be, you might investigate to learn the percentage of participation in Christian service in the church you attend.

You perhaps have attended church for years, but when was the last time you shared what Jesus has done for you with someone else? Often the reason our lives are unexciting and the church seems to be dead is because we are uninvolved Christians. We need to be spiritual straws, open at both ends, so we not only take in the blessings of Christ, but also with the receiving—give out.

Up 29.3 Percent

Last Quarter Alumni Giving Sets a New Record

A record high of \$10,498.50 was set in alumni giving for any three months period in the gifts received in the Alumni Relations Office during the 1970 Grace Alumni Fund Campaign which closed December 31.

This represents a 29.3 percent increase over the 1969 campaign total of \$8,119.77.

A complete report of the total alumni giving for the entire year of 1970 will be published as soon as *all* of the churches have sent in their reports of the gifts which they

have received for Grace Schools over the calendar year of 1970.

Gifts received from alumni during 1969, through both the churches and the alumni office totaled \$35,241.04.

During the 1970 campaign, gifts were received in the alumni office from 337 alumni, of which 181 were college and 156 seminary alumni. This represents close to a 14 percent participation out of our combined alumni enrollment of 2,422.

Introduces New Trumpet Line

Jerry Franks Makes Coast-to-Coast Tour

Jerry Franks, well-known Artist in Residence and Assistant Professor of Music at Grace College, made a coast-to-coast promotional tour for Conn Corporation of Oakbrook, Illinois, January 10-22.

As soloist in brass and clinician, Franks was introducing a new line of student instruments to more than 1,500 Conn dealers in five regional dealer meetings in Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas, Atlanta, and New York City.

Since joining the faculty at Grace College in 1966, Franks has developed an 85 piece community concert band and a 20 piece brass ensemble which have traveled extensively representing Grace Schools. This is in addition to

his classroom and private instructional schedule.

Two records by Franks, published by BMH Recordings of Winona Lake, are: "Trumpet Conversations" and "Jerry Franks and Dimensions in Brass."

Brooks Dawson, a Grace Seminary alumnus and advertising manager for the Conn band instrument department, along with other Conn staff members were also included in the touring group.

Jerry Franks, his wife Dottie and their three children live in Warsaw, Indiana. The Franks are members of the Warsaw Community Brethren Church.

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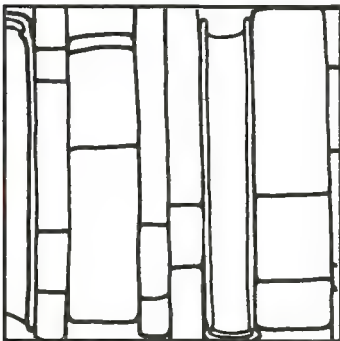
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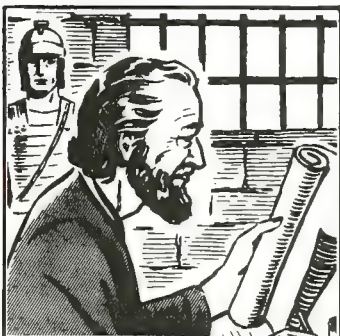
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ABOUT THE COVER—"Great cities await the Gospel," and the various ones named are vast metropolises in which there are Brethren Foreign Missions testimonies, a couple of them in their infant stages. Publicity during this current FMS season is emphasizing the needs of the cities.

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Thoughts on—"Let George Do It."

Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

The work of the Lord goes forward as human effort is applied with divine power. God has ordained that human vessels be the channels for His work in the church. So it has been through the ages that He has had His men and women who were willing to listen to the call and do His will. The names of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Daniel, Jeremiah, John the Baptist and Paul stand out as men of unusual dedication. They set a high standard for the church as men who were called and responded.

Today there is no less work to do than in former times. Our generation is faced with all of the problems of the past and a few new ones added to the list. We then face the work of the Lord and respond on the basis of convenience or conviction. What we accomplish will be determined to a great extent by which of these two we are motivated. Convenience—Conviction.

If we use our Christian experience as a convenience we will find it a somewhat nice but unproductive relationship. It will mean that we can rest in deep assurance that God loves us and we are His. We have the channel of prayer to God and when we have need, we can get on the prayer line and ask Him to send us the necessary things to make our lives a bit more convenient and happy. We have knowledge that He will care for us when we have fulfilled our days here on earth. It makes a very nice arrangement, but it assumes no particular obligations or duties that are to be undertaken on our behalf. After all, salvation is by faith and faith by grace and grace is free

and so am I.

It is convenient to use all of God's blessings, but when the weekend comes it is nice to meet Him somewhere other than in the worship service. A quiet lake will do or maybe an extra hour's sleep or in the front lawn communing with God in nature while mowing our lawn. There is a real trend today to find God outside of the church. It is convenient and can be made to sound real spiritual with a little effort on the part of those who prefer to *get* rather than to *give*. It also requires so little discipline and lets God do everything.

Then there is Biblical Christianity that requires discipline of life and is based on conviction. It moves on the basis that God has spoken and there is an obligation to fulfill His commands. It involves discipleship which has at its root the matter of discipline of life. The common attitude of the day is that, "No one is going to tell me what to do." This unfortunately has spilled over into the thinking of many Christian people. A full day's pay for a half-day's work—and if anyone tells me to do more I will quit. So the

church is afflicted with the world's malady and there is not much discipline left for the cause of Christ. Few say, "Yes, I'll take the responsibility that ties me down week after week to teach the children about God" or "I am willing to accept some other task in the church that involves working on the basis of a deep conviction to get the task done for Him." These people will end up with names on God's honor roll.

The old expression, "Let George Do It," would have been fine except not enough mothers were thoughtful enough to name their children George. So some of us Christians with other names are going to have to apply ourselves to God's work. Work that requires the spending of time and energy in the experience called "being a co-laborer with God," and do it because we believe God wants us to do it. That's conviction!



**"When hell drops out of religion,
foreign missions drops out of the church."**

The doctrine of eternal punishment is a bitter pill to swallow. Therefore, it is not surprising that the subject is avoided.

It is bitter to the unbeliever because he does not look upon himself as a great sinner and thus he feels that he would not merit such a drastic action to be taken against him.

It is a bitter pill to the nominal Christian because it places him in an uncomfortable position. He has friends, relatives, acquaintances (to say nothing of the vast heathen world) who do not know Jesus Christ. To these he should be witnessing, but he cannot bring himself to accept the seriousness of their condition. For the most part, these folks may seem decent enough. Some may even be religious to a point. To imagine that they will spend an eternity in a place of punishment and outer darkness is, to him, unthinkable.

It is even bitter to the committed Christian, for there is no joy in accepting the fact that all outside of Christ will perish. However, it is only in those circles of Christendom where it is believed that without Christ the heathen* are lost, that a zealous missionary spirit is found. C. F. Wright is quoted as saying: "The consuming missionary zeal of the apostles and the early church shows that they believed

A Bitter Pill To Swallow

the decisions of this life to be final decisions. The early church not only thought the heathen would perish without the Gospel, but they found the conscience in the heathen world answering to this belief" (*Strong's Theology*). Today that belief is gone from large segments of the Christian church, and even evangelicals seem willing to ignore it. Emory Storrs once said, "When hell drops out of religion, justice drops out of politics." We would go further and add, "When hell drops out of religion, foreign missions drops out of the church."

The book, *Christian Collegians and Foreign Missions*, printed after the Urbana conference of 1967, reveals that slightly over 60 percent of the students did not believe that a person not hearing the Gospel as taught in the Bible, is eternally lost. Perhaps this will explain in part the reason for the recent drop in missionary recruitment. It may also be an indication of why many Christian young people are interested only in short-term service. If man is not lost, if he does not face judgment and eternal separation from God, then his danger is not great enough to require the many sacrifices that a missionary must make to reach him. The outstanding American missionary statesman of the nineteenth

century, Rufus Anderson, once wrote: "Nothing but the grand object of reconciling men to God with a view to their eternal salvation and the happiness and joy thus resulting to Christ's Kingdom, will call any considerable number of missionaries into the foreign field and keep them cheerfully there."

If this objective of reconciling men to God does not occupy a place of prominence in the mission structure, that mission has ceased to be a Christian mission.

Concern for man because he faces eternal judgment and separation from God, certainly is not the only reason for seeking him out in order to point him to Christ, but it is a vital cord in missionary motivation. Cut that cord and you cut the nerve which moves a Christian into action on behalf of the lost. Eternal punishment as the destiny for those outside of Jesus Christ may be a bitter pill to swallow, but remember, it was Jesus Christ who said: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will never have life, but God's wrath will remain on him forever" (*Today's English Version*).—JWZ

*Heathen—an unconverted member of a people or nation that does not acknowledge the God of the Bible.

A Moment with Missions



There Is a Difference

The pastor returned from the hospital and began to prepare the bulletin for the coming Sunday services. The pastor's wife graded the last paper for her reading class and prepared herself for choir practice at the church that evening. The pastor's daughter washed the supper dishes and hurried to get back to her sewing.

Busy people? Yes. Meeting the needs of the community? Yes. Serving Christ? Yes. Satisfied? *No. Why?*

All of the things that usually satisfy people are unsatisfactory when a family has not only felt the call to service for Christ on the foreign field, but also has been deeply involved in that work for some years. We began our missionary service in 1961. Those first years in Brazil were blessed years of service for Christ. There were difficulties. The language, the people at times seemed hard to understand, the long hours of hard work, being away from the family and other small inconveniences, but really no sacrifices. There were many blessings. People

coming to know Christ as Saviour, Christians growing in the faith—oh! just a multitude of blessings, really too numerous to mention. What, then, is the reason for returning to the field of Brazil? Love for the people of Brazil, knowledge of the language and the people of Brazil, the great need on the field: yes, certainly these are reasons, but not the most important reason.

Paul said in II Corinthians 5:15: "That they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them. . . ." We believe that it is possible to be serving the Lord anywhere in the world and still be living unto oneself. It is so easy to allow the innocent and so-called important things of this life to crowd out that higher calling and greater service that can be had when we are willing to "live unto Him." Nothing in life can compare with a personal, heartfelt obedience to the will of Christ as He makes this known to us through the Word, by His Holy Spirit, and in the circumstances of life.

Leaving Okeechobee, Florida, is not easy. We have come to love and appreciate these wonderful people with whom we have labored. We take part of them with us and leave part of ourselves with them. Why go? We think you know the answer. For those who are called to the foreign field, *there is a difference* between being obedient to the call and being satisfied to labor for Christ here in the States. That difference is God's will for the individual life. Life can never, this side of heaven, be all that we would desire it to be, but it can be so much more when we are in the center of God's will.

We request your prayers as we return to the field of Brazil. We shall be working in Belem. Our address on the field will be Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

(The return of Rev. and Mrs. Randall Maycumber to missionary service in Brazil was at the time of this writing being held up only until the necessary residence visas are received. —FMS editor.)

By Evelyn and Randall Maycumber

*They were busy serving Christ in the community,
but they still weren't satisfied. It wasn't the foreign field.*

**There is a need for more missionaries
like the first ones.**

Who Follows in Their Train?

(FMS editor's note: Dr. Taber has written a series of articles which he has labeled "For Medics Only." This one is not too technical, however, and should prove of general interest.)

Of the original party of missionaries who stormed the gates of Central Africa, three out of four were medics. So it would have been unthinkable to raise the question of whether medical work should be added to the primary job of the mission. Medical evangelism was the main stream. And the goal of medical evangelism was not simply the preaching of the Gospel. It included the founding of indigenous churches.

The question of whether the medical work was overbalancing the church-building function of the mission would have been ridiculous. On the other hand, showing compassion for those who suffer was not just a means to an end. It was the essential expression of the love of Christ. Estella Myers, the last survivor of the original party, often used to say, "I would like to know what medical work is, except being kind to people."

Looking beyond the founders of the mission to our one supreme Example, the Lord Jesus did not relieve suffering simply to prove that He was the Son of God. But He would not have been himself if He had not done it.

I never had the privilege of knowing James Gribble, but Dr. Gribble, his wife, left an indelible impression on me.

Most of the people who knew her well would say that her outstanding characteristic was love. And it is a fact that she sometimes showed her love in a way that made it hard to understand

her. Instead of telling us frankly what she would like to do, she would try to find out what we would prefer to do, and then she would argue for our side instead of her own.

However, I am persuaded that her outstanding characteristic was not love, but faith. She had faith in the ability of the Holy Spirit to work in everyone, and she imagined that everybody's motives were as good as her own.

She used to say, "All of our fellow missionaries are making such rapid growth in grace that it is a calumny to think of any of us as we were a few months ago."

She sensed the reality of the spiritual conflict of Ephesians 6 so keenly that she did not think of any human being as an enemy, but only as an instrument that was deceived and used by the spiritual enemies in heavenly places.

Her faith in the power of the Holy Spirit to work in hearts and give gifts to any Christian made her a pioneer in genuine indigenous church principles, although she used to lament the superficial view which made indigenous principles begin and end with self-support.

She showed her kind of indigenous principles by trusting herself and her auto to an African chauffeur back in the days when it was possible to get a driver's license for going forward even if you did not know how to back up; also, when she had Africans with

practically no training do medical work under her direction when she was no longer able to be physically active herself.

Some would think it was a perversion of the same faith in the power of the Holy Spirit for her to go out every weekend preaching the Gospel in villages along roads where there were no churches to nurture the new babes in Christ and no systematic follow-up possible. Be that as it may, at least it would have to be said, "She hath done what she could."

Another one of what she herself called her "idiosyncrasies" with the emphasis on "crazy" was her emphasis on courtesy. This seemed to consist mainly in consideration for the feelings of others, but it also contained some courtliness.

One incident stands out in my memory. I was a brand-new, raw missionary physician and she was one with ripe experience. Yet she was always pushing me forward. And naturally, as the new doctor just out of school, I had to put up a bold front as the one who knew it all. Well, I was looking at a stool specimen and saw a stronglyloide larva. When you see one of those snakes crawling around under the microscope, it is really impressive. So I called the African helpers: "Come look at this filaria I found in a stool specimen." Dr. Gribble asked quietly, "How did it get into the stool specimen?" But I was up to the occasion: "It must have been by a hemorrhage of the intestinal mucosa." She said no more, but just left me to find out for myself sometime later.

During World War II it came time for Dr. Gribble to go on furlough. She had told me a short time before that she was weak and discouraged. She couldn't read, she couldn't pray, she could not do anything. And the Lord had whispered in her ear, "You can still receive, can't you?"

Against that background she was discussing the question whether she should go to Cape Town or go home. I guess she saw I was puzzled at the way she referred to the trip home, so she explained, "I mean home to be with the Lord."

That was Dr. Gribble. In the same breath, in the same tone, talking about a trip to Cape Town and a trip to Glory.

"Who follows in their train?"

*"Missionary proclamation should lead everywhere
to the establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ,
which exhibits a new, defined reality
as salt and light in its social environment."*

German Evangelicals Form Significant Document

Part 3

The document called "The Frankfurt Declaration" was signed by eminent German theologians and missiologists on March 4, 1970. In view of the many attacks against historic Christian faith which have come out of Germany, it is refreshing to see a statement which takes such a positive stand on the Scriptures. Evangelical leaders in the United States have labeled this as one of the most significant developments in missions. We would have to object to the wording in a few places; however, we still feel that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches should be aware of the document. This small segment of German evangelicals who have courageously taken a stand for the evangelization of the world needs to know that in this expression of faith others stand with them.

THE FRANKFURT DECLARATION on the Fundamental Crisis in Christian Mission

Seven Indispensable Basic Elements of Mission (cont.)

5. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priest hood, a dedicated nation, and a people claimed by God for his own, to proclaim the triumphs of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (I Peter 2:9). "Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world" (Romans 12:2).

We recognize and declare:

The primary visible task of mission is to call out the *messianic, saved community* from among all people.

Missionary proclamation should lead everywhere to the establishment

of the Church of Jesus Christ, which exhibits a new, defined reality as salt and light in its social environment.

Through the gospel and the sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives the members of the congregation a new life and an eternal, spiritual fellowship with each other and with God, who is real and present with them. It is the task of the congregation through its witness to move the lost—especially those who live outside its community—to a saving membership in the body of Christ. Only by being this new kind of fellowship does the Church present the gospel convincingly.

We therefore oppose the view that the Church, as the fellowship of Jesus, is simply a part of the world. The contrast between the Church and the world is not merely a distinction in function and in knowledge of salvation; rather, it is an essential difference in nature. We deny that the Church has no advantage over the world except the knowledge of the alleged future salvation of all men.

We further oppose the one-sided emphasis on salvation which stresses only this world, according to which the Church and the world together share in a future, purely social, reconciliation of all mankind. That would lead to the self-dissolution of the Church.

6. "Remember then your former condition: . . . you were at that time separate from Christ, strangers to the community of Israel, outside God's covenants

and the promise that goes with them. Your world was a world without hope and without God" (Ephesians 2:11-12).

We recognize and declare:

The offer of salvation in Christ is directed without exception to all men who are yet bound to Him in conscious faith. The adherents to the non-Christian religions and the world views can receive this salvation only through participation in faith. They must let themselves be freed from their former ties and false hopes in order to be admitted by belief and baptism into the body of Christ. Israel, too, will find salvation in turning to Jesus Christ.

We therefore reject the false teaching that the non-Christian religions and world views are also ways of salvation similar to belief in Christ.

We refute the idea that "Christian presence" among the adherents to the world religions and a give-and-take dialogue with them are substitutes for a proclamation of the gospel which aims at conversion. Such dialogues simply establish good points of contact for a missionary communication.

We also refute the claim that the borrowing of Christian ideas, hopes and social procedures—even if they are separated from their exclusive relationship to the person of Jesus—can make the world religions and ideologies substitutes for the Church of Jesus Christ. In reality they give them a syncretistic and therefore anti-Christian direction. (To be concluded)

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ANNUAL OFFERING REPORT

BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS
JANUARY 1, 1970 to DECEMBER 31, 1970

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

Accident, Md.	\$ 775.57
Aleppo, Pa.	505.00
Coolville, Ohio	147.17
Cumberland, Md.	1,060.26
Grafton, W. Va.	596.79
Jenners, Pa.	2,731.21
Listie, Pa.	2,920.75
Meyersdale, Pa.	2,585.57
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	1,051.41
Parkersburg, W. Va.	1,784.22
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Coraopolis)	637.60
Somerset, Pa.	1,802.70
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	620.29
Uniontown, Pa.	6,090.39
Washington, Pa.	2,842.34
Westernport, Md.	661.83
Allegheny District, Misc.	30.00
	<u>\$ 26,843.10</u>

EAST DISTRICT

Altoona, Pa. (First) . . .	\$ 1,955.80
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) . .	2,104.55
Conemaugh, Pa.	4,568.29
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	5,082.78
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	2,473.26
Duncansville, Pa. (Leamersville)	2,898.48
Everett, Pa.	3,020.87
Greensburg, Pa.	421.14
Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	3,227.37
Hopewell, Pa.	657.76
Jefferson Center, Pa. (Calvary)	83.74
Johnstown, Pa. (First) .	9,970.55
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	428.22
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	3,763.79
Kittanning, Pa. (First) .	9,601.30
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	928.46
Martinsburg, Pa.	6,944.09
East District, Misc. . . .	277.50
	<u>\$ 58,407.95</u>

FLORIDA DISTRICT

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . .	\$ 6,672.43
Fort Myers, Fla.	1,508.08
Maitland, Fla.	1,343.00
Margate, Fla.	1,655.66
Okeechobee, Fla.	251.56
Pompano Beach, Fla. . .	2,094.57
St. Petersburg, Fla. . . .	564.54
Florida District, Misc. .	63.50
	<u>\$ 14,153.34</u>

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind.	\$ 4,890.34
Clay City, Ind.	725.00
Elkhart, Ind.	4,869.29
Flora, Ind.	2,221.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	5,348.55
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	1,127.59
Goshen, Ind.	1,758.07
Indianapolis, Ind.	1,101.41
Kokomo, Ind.	1,020.95
Leesburg, Ind.	1,857.23
Osceola, Ind.	10,167.80
Peru, Ind.	1,684.56
Sidney, Ind.	1,398.41
South Bend, Ind.	2,581.90
Warsaw, Ind.	4,188.12
Wheaton, Ill.	800.00
Winona Lake, Ind. . . .	7,294.91
Indiana District, Misc. .	300.00
	<u>\$ 53,335.13</u>

IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa . . .	\$ 355.25
Dallas Center, Iowa . . .	3,935.68
Davenport, Iowa	1,037.44
Des Moines, Iowa	65.00
Garwin, Iowa	5,459.68
Leon, Iowa	1,508.90
North English, Iowa . . .	605.54
Omaha, Nebr.	92.98
Waterloo, Iowa	5,762.37
Winona, Minn.	152.50
Iowa District, Misc. . . .	35.00
	<u>\$ 19,010.34</u>

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich.	\$ 1,831.82
Hastings, Mich.	21.08
Jackson, Mich.	180.00
Lake Odessa, Mich. . . .	907.00
Lansing, Mich.	645.43
New Troy, Mich.	1,775.00
Trout Lake, Mich.	102.50
	<u>\$ 5,462.83</u>

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	\$ 1,504.66
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	2,548.32
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	475.82
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	11,016.54
Hanover, Pa.	425.30
Martinsburg, W. Va. . . .	1,951.56
Washington, D.C. (First)	4,040.62
Washington, D.C. (Grace)	2,578.66
Waynesboro, Pa.	6,132.26
Winchester, Va.	3,881.99
Mid-Atlantic District, Misc.	25.00
	<u>\$ 34,580.73</u>

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Arvada, Colo.	\$ 1,001.68
Beaver City, Nebr.	77.70
Cheyenne, Wyo.	100.45
Colorado Springs, Colo. .	3.50
Counselor, N. Mex.	800.35
Denver, Colo.	1,894.08
Longview, Texas	200.00
Portis, Kansas	2,362.47
Taos, N. Mex.	500.00
	<u>\$ 6,940.23</u>

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Allentown, Pa.	\$ 1,032.06
Elizabethtown, Pa. . . .	1,296.62
Harrisburg, Pa.	5,245.73
Hatboro, Pa.	1,963.42
Lancaster, Pa.	7,016.03
Manheim, Pa.	2,058.50
Myerstown, Pa.	898.90
New Holland, Pa.	4,068.25
Palmyra, Pa.	1,384.80
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,683.23
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	6,472.21
Stratford, N.J.	43.00
Telford, Pa. (Penn Valley)	4,246.00
Wrightsville, Pa. (Susquehanna)	808.00
York, Pa.	2,502.68
Northern Atlantic District, Misc.	238.50
	<u>\$ 45,957.93</u>

NOR-CAL DISTRICT

Chico, Calif.	\$ 200.11
Grass Valley, Calif.	354.82
Modesto, Calif.	
(Greenwood)	1,731.00
Modesto, Calif.	
(La Loma)	9,811.85
Ripon, Calif.	707.99
Sacramento, Calif.	889.75
San Jose, Calif.	2,012.41
Tracy, Calif.	326.28
	<u>\$ 16,034.21</u>

**NORTHCENTRAL
OHIO DISTRICT**

Ashland, Ohio (Grace) .	\$ 7,518.56
Ashland, Ohio	
(Southview)	3,238.66
Bellville, Ohio	
(Ankenytown)	3,213.04
Bowling Green, Ohio . .	69.76
Danville, Ohio	853.00
Defiance, Ohio	893.88
Findlay, Ohio	1,431.88
Fremont, Ohio	
(Chapel)	23.79
Fremont, Ohio	4,763.84
Galion, Ohio	401.02
Lexington, Ohio	733.88
Mansfield, Ohio	
(Grace)	6,039.14
Mansfield, Ohio	
(Woodville)	3,405.47
Worthington, Ohio	
(Columbus)	7,596.15
Northcentral Ohio	
District, Misc.	116.19
	<u>\$ 40,298.26</u>

**NORTHEASTERN
OHIO DISTRICT**

Akron, Ohio	
(Fairlawn)	778.00
Akron, Ohio (First) . .	5,613.05
Barberton, Ohio	666.05
Canton, Ohio	3,716.77
Cleveland, Ohio	2,090.04
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio .	1,907.52
Elyria, Ohio	967.11
Homerville, Ohio	4,420.72
Middlebranch, Ohio . .	6,614.00
Minerva, Ohio	508.26
Rittman, Ohio	8,091.02
Sterling, Ohio	2,561.16
Wooster, Ohio	29,735.84
Northeastern Ohio	
District, Misc.	28.00
	<u>\$ 67,697.54</u>

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Albany, Oreg.	\$ 950.00
Beaverton, Oreg.	371.00
Grandview, Wash.	1,013.69
Harrah, Wash.	2,234.52
Kenai, Alaska	230.55
Kent, Wash.	2,295.15
Mabton, Wash.	602.31
Portland, Oreg.	784.61

Richland, Wash.	90.91
Spokane, Wash.	
(Opportunity)	348.58
Sunnyside, Wash.	10,410.19
Toppenish, Wash.	1,605.66
Yakima, Wash.	784.56
	<u>\$ 21,721.73</u>

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Atlanta, Ga.	\$ 1,186.20
Boones Mill, Va.	75.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,952.64
Covington, Va.	2,632.46
Hollins, Va.	2,153.18
Johnson City, Tenn. . .	404.48
Radford, Va.	208.00
Richmond, Va.	44.00
Riner, Va.	187.50
Roanoke, Va.	
(Clearbrook)	919.74
Roanoke, Va.	
(Garden City)	504.00
Roanoke, Va.	
(Ghent)	3,023.90
Roanoke, Va.	
(Washington Heights)	643.40
Telford, Tenn.	
(Vernon)	1,523.60
Virginia Beach, Va. . . .	105.00
Willis, Va.	15.00
Southeast District,	
Misc.	30.00
	<u>\$ 15,608.10</u>

**SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
DISTRICT**

Anaheim, Calif.	\$ 1,516.76
Beaumont, Calif.	3,350.29
Bell, Calif.	1,094.84
Bellflower, Calif.	6,842.03
Cypress, Calif.	598.64
Fillmore, Calif.	123.00
Glendale, Calif.	1,341.48
Grand Terrace, Calif. . .	481.00
La Habra, Calif.	2,269.96
La Verne, Calif.	1,282.01
Lakewood, Calif.	
(Artesia)	51.89
Long Beach, Calif.	
(Community)	2,736.25
Long Beach, Calif.	
(First)	26,813.05
Long Beach, Calif.	
(Los Altos)	3,234.02
Long Beach, Calif.	
(North Long Beach)	49,590.16
Los Angeles, Calif.	
(Community)	2,519.51
Montclair, Calif.	634.44
Norwalk, Calif.	3,210.04
Orange, Calif.	980.50
Phoenix, Ariz.	
(Grace)	3,679.96
Phoenix, Ariz.	
(Northwest)	221.47
Rialto, Calif.	994.59

Rowland Heights, Calif.	
(Hillside)	223.79
San Bernardino, Calif. .	2,289.40
San Diego, Calif.	343.00
San Ysidro, Calif.	676.12
Santa Barbara, Calif. . .	322.47
Santa Maria, Calif. . . .	47.86
Seal Beach, Calif.	1,504.17
Simi, Calif.	258.39
South Pasadena, Calif. .	1,190.82
Temple City, Calif.	548.36
Tucson, Ariz.	439.06
West Covina, Calif. . . .	470.00
Westminster, Calif. . . .	2,314.97
Whittier, Calif.	
(Community)	6,716.47
Whittier, Calif.	
(First)	5,336.62
Southern Calif.-Ariz.	
District, Misc.	396.64
	<u>\$ 136,644.03</u>

**SOUTHERN
OHIO DISTRICT**

Brookville, Ohio	\$ 2,448.18
Camden, Ohio	408.71
Clayhole, Ky.	537.00
Clayton, Ohio	1,519.05
Covington, Ohio	101.46
Dayton, Ohio	
(Basore Rd.)	258.50
Dayton, Ohio (First) . .	11,826.30
Dayton, Ohio	
(Huber Heights) . . .	10.00
Dayton, Ohio	
(North Riverdale) . .	10,139.46
Dayton, Ohio	
(Patterson Park) . . .	8,081.83
Dryhill, Ky.	70.00
Englewood, Ohio	3,674.92
Kettering, Ohio	1,229.10
Sinking Spring, Ohio . .	251.08
Trotwood, Ohio	1,403.61
Troy, Ohio	531.15
Union, Ohio	396.90
Vandalia, Ohio	978.26
West Alexandria, Ohio .	314.98
Southern Ohio	
District, Misc.	35.00
	<u>\$ 44,215.49</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Akron, Ohio	
(Hillwood Chapel) .	\$ 522.00
Grace College and	
Seminary	200.00
Hawaii	4,252.94
National Miscellaneous	29,588.13
National SMM	1,284.43
National WMC	15,165.71
Puerto Rico	18.30
Cameron, W. Va.	25.00
	<u>\$ 51,056.51</u>

TOTAL GIFTS TO FMS
\$657,967.45

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Fifty-eight Churches Exceed \$3,000 in 1970 Brethren Foreign Missions Offering

WE CAME CLOSE!

The greatest offering in Brethren Foreign Missions' seventy years of existence! Do these words sound trite to you? True, we have been able to say "Better than ever before!" each year since 1963, but to every person who is intimately involved with our missionaries and their work this is banner headline news.

Who are the people God has used to bring this to pass? Most are members of Brethren churches, although some, while not belonging to our denomination, know and appreciate our missionaries and give to support their work. Individuals on pensions and other limited incomes gave regularly and sacrificially. Some enjoying financial prosperity were generous in shouldering their responsibility to those still untold. Churches with heavy local commitments were careful not to forget their outreach into foreign lands. Sixty-five percent of the total offering came from the churches which gave over \$3,000 each. Thirty-five percent was given by churches, groups, and individuals presenting smaller amounts. We are genuinely thankful for every one who gave.

Operating expenses spiraled upward in every area. The result was that the expenses were not quite balanced by the offering, leaving a deficit of about \$8,000. This was close, and we believe that 1971 will see this amount erased with a resulting ability to expand into ever-increasing missionary opportunities.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

1.	Long Beach, Calif. (North Long Beach)	\$49,590.16
2.	Wooster, Ohio	29,735.84
3.	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	26,813.05
4.	Dayton, Ohio (First)	11,826.30
5.	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	11,016.54
6.	Sunnyside, Wash.	10,410.19
7.	Osceola, Ind.	10,167.80
8.	Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	10,139.46
9.	Johnstown, Pa. (First)	9,970.55
10.	Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	9,811.85
11.	Kittanning, Pa. (First)	9,601.30
12.	Rittman, Ohio	8,091.02
13.	Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	8,081.83
14.	Worthington, Ohio (Columbus)	7,596.15
15.	Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	7,518.56
16.	Winona Lake, Ind.	7,294.91
17.	Lancaster, Pa.	7,016.03
18.	Martinsburg, Pa.	6,944.09
19.	Bellflower, Calif.	6,842.03
20.	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	6,716.47
21.	Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,683.23
22.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	6,672.43
23.	Middlebranch, Ohio	6,614.00
24.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	6,472.21
25.	Waynesboro, Pa.	6,132.26
26.	Uniontown, Pa.	6,090.39
27.	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	6,039.14
28.	Waterloo, Iowa	5,762.37
29.	Akron, Ohio (First)	5,613.05
30.	Garwin, Iowa	5,459.68
31.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	5,348.55
32.	Whittier, Calif. (First)	5,336.62
33.	Harrisburg, Pa.	5,245.73
34.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	5,082.78
35.	Berne, Ind.	4,890.34
36.	Elkhart, Ind.	4,869.29
37.	Fremont, Ohio	4,763.84
38.	Conemaugh, Pa.	4,568.29
39.	Homerville, Ohio	4,420.72
40.	Telford, Pa. (Penn Valley)	4,246.00
41.	Warsaw, Ind.	4,188.12
42.	New Holland, Pa.	4,068.25
43.	Washington, D.C. (First)	4,040.62
44.	Dallas Center, Iowa	3,935.68
45.	Winchester, Va.	3,881.99
46.	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	3,763.79
47.	Canton, Ohio	3,716.77
48.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)	3,679.96
49.	Englewood, Ohio	3,674.92
50.	Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	3,405.47
51.	Beaumont, Calif.	3,350.29
52.	Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	3,238.66
53.	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	3,234.02
54.	Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	3,227.37
55.	Bellville, Ohio (Ankenytown)	3,213.04
56.	Norwalk, Calif.	3,210.04
57.	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	3,023.90
58.	Everett, Pa.	3,020.87

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Myerstown Missionary Helpers



The Grace Brethren Church at Myerstown, Pennsylvania, is one of the newer Brethren churches, but they certainly have a fine big group of boys and girls in the Missionary Helpers Club there. Mrs. Ruth Farmer is the leader and she sent this picture of the MH'ers there.

Left to right—Front row: Lindsay Nauman, Kurt Kauffman, Kent Kauffman, Daryl Koch.

Second row: Danielle Bashore, Lynn Bashore, Lisa Nauman, Cindy Wenger, Ann Louise Deck, Susie Mays, Casper Richard.

Third row: Donna Wenger, Todd Finley, Lori Finley, Colleen Farmer, Ann Bashore, Philip Long.

Fourth row: Duane Koch, Dawn Koch, Tracey Finley, Brian Brightbill, Darlene Bashore, Joyce Holzman, Janice Holzman.

Several of the MH'ers were not present when the picture was taken; their names are Lillian Fisher, Jacob Fisher, John Fisher, Barbara Swonger, Joseph Shifflet, and June Holzman.

They Got a Reward!

Several members of the MHC at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio, got a real terrific reward for learning their alphabet memory verses. It was an airplane ride! The pilot was Mr. Herb Tanner from their own church.

The names of the MH'ers who got this reward are Rozanne, Suzanne, and Michael Bitonti, Richard and Wesley Holder, and Lori and Timothy Shaffer. Their leader is Mrs. Robert Markley. When Mrs. Markley sent this picture for the Children's Page, she also sent a clipping from a newspaper which told about the plane ride the kids got as the reward for their memory work.

Congratulations to these Lyndhurst MH'ers!



HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY



Church News

PERU, IND. The Peru Brethren Church welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Delmer F. Jacobe and family with a food shower at the beginning of their ministry with them.

There were over 60 in attendance at the New Year's Watch Night service and a united spirit of great expectation of God's blessing for 1971. Please change the address in the *Annual* for Rev. and Mrs. Delmer F. Jacobe to: 260 W. 10th St., Peru, Ind. 46970.

ALTOONA, PA. The congregation of the First Brethren Church honored Pastor Russell and family with a lovely going-away party at the church. Among the features of the program was the presentation to the pastor of a money tree bearing nearly \$250 in fruit. A unique cake that was decorated with a church built of sugar and a frosting depicting an open Bible was displayed (and served). The Russells terminated their ministry at Altoona the last of January and now are serving the Lord in Rittman, Ohio.

LONG BEACH-PARAMOUNT BRETHREN SCHOOLS. The Brethren High School choir, 72 strong, was featured recently at the American Legion Luncheon at the Biltmore Bowl. Such notables as the civic leaders of Los Angeles and Governor Ronald Reagan were present. This was counted as a golden opportunity for a Christian testimony to go forth from the youth of today.

WESTERNPORT, MD. A four and one-half year pastorate at the Mill Run Grace Brethren Church was concluded by Rev. Michael Funderburg to make it possible for him to become full-time pastor of the Cumberland Grace Brethren Church. For two years Mr. Funderburg was pastor of both churches. Pastor John Lancaster, a 1970 graduate of Washington Bible College, is the interim pastor of the Mill Run Church.

MEYERSDALE, PA. The laymen of the Grace Brethren Church have a worthy project that they will be tackling as soon as the weather moderates—that is the task of blacktopping some of the church property in order to make it suitable for a parking area. Carpet was supplied for the baptistry and hall by Verna Honsaker in memory of her brother, Theodore Romesburg. The Win-a-Couple Class carpeted the Sunday-school office. All of these improvements are an evidence of concern for the Lord's House. Robert Burns, pastor.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO. A call to serve as pastor for the 21st consecutive year was given to Pastor Robert Holmes by the West Homer Brethren Church. Another remarkable achievement has been recorded at this church—to God's glory—the last three years the church was able to give more to missions than they retained at home. Robert Holmes, pastor.

RICHLAND, WASH. A 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated Jan. 17 by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Petty with the help of their friends at the Grace Brethren Church. Congratulations to the Jesse Pettys! Nelson Hall, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. A very happily-crowded-congregation of 89 at the Huber Heights Church rejoiced in the news that the Brethren Home Missions Council gave the "Green Light" for plans to build, beginning Aug. 1, Lord willing. James Poyner, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., announces a Bible Lands Pilgrimage scheduled to depart from New York City on Aug. 10, 1971. This will be a ten-day tour, covering Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Samaria, Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River. Cost of the tour is \$729, with the option of spending an additional four days in Greece at extra cost. A payment plan is available, if desired. The tour is offered at a great savings in price, but not in quality as it includes lodging in first-class hotels and three meals a day besides the delights of the travel. A brochure and further information may be obtained from Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The news editor, Mrs. Leonard Shingleton, of the Gay Street Brethren Church, reported that during the last quarter of 1970 there were 6 baptisms and 14 new members received into the membership of the church. Gerald Teeter, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Members and friends of the First Brethren Church were happy to help Mr. and Mrs. James Hodson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 12. The Hodsons are faithful members of the church and are active in the things of the Lord. The church took action at their annual business meeting to underwrite the furnishings for the dining room and chapel of Grace Brethren Village at the approximate cost of \$6,000.00. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA. A fine new parsonage was dedicated by the congregation of the Vicksburg Brethren Church on Feb. 7. Rev. Richard Harstine is pastor of this congregation.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Beaumont, Calif.	Mar. 14-19	Dale Brock	Nathan Meyer
Albuquerque, N.Mex. (Grace Brethren)	Mar. 21-26	Jacob Weirich	Nathan Meyer
Palmyra, Pa.	Mar. 21-26	Arthur Frank	Allen Herr
Homerville, Ohio	Mar. 21-28	Robert Holmes	Scott Weaver

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. Two forward steps were taken at the annual business meeting of the church as they voted to raise their pastor's salary and to improve the parking facilities at the church property by blacktopping the lot. A loving and generous spirit was also shown by the congregation as they recently presented the pastor's family with a beautiful red carpet for the parsonage living room. Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

NEW DATE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

In recent years, many churches have felt that September might be a better time to begin the Sunday-school year. Because of this, many Sunday schools have changed to earlier starting dates for the fall quarter.

After serious consideration, leaders from the National Sunday School Association, various denominations, and Christian organizations recommended that Christian publishers consider an earlier starting date for the Sunday-school year. The first Sunday of September seemed to have the widest acceptance for a new starting date, therefore, the new quarter system recommended is:

Fall—September, October, November

Winter—December, January, February

Spring—March, April, May

Summer—June, July, August

Scripture Press publications will have special material for the July and August months. Gospel Light materials will be available for the regular July, August, September quarter, and also for the new plan which begins with September, October and November. Brethren adult materials will be published for the full three-month period of July, August and September, and then quarterlies will also be available for September, October and November.

Many churches will plan to start their Sunday-school year at the time their public school begins. Others may prefer to continue with the October 1 date.

Remember . . . whichever plan your Sunday school chooses to follow, the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. stands ready to serve you promptly and efficiently. *We want to be of service to you and your church.*

LANCASTER, PA. At the annual business meeting of the Grace Brethren Church Pastor Arthur Malles was voted a very substantial raise in salary, and it was also voted to send the pastor and Mrs. Malles to the Holy Land in 1972. Arthur Malles, pastor.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ARMAN, Carrie, 63, an active member of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 24. She served as superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday school for over 20 years. Rev. Charles Turner officiated at the services.

MACONAGHY, Jane, On Dec. 24, 1970, while on her way to work, Miss Jane Maconaghy, sister of Rev. Hill

Maconaghy, missionary to Argentina, went to be with her Lord. Due to the absence of the pastor of the Philadelphia Third Church, Pastor William Steffler conducted the memorial service.

SKIBINSKI, Fred, 82, was called home Jan. 19. He had been a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church of Portland, Oreg. Memorial services were held on Jan. 21 by Pastor William Schaffer.

THOMAS, Roy, 73, went to be with the Lord Jan. 25. He was a faithful member of the Lake Odessa Grace Brethren Church of Mich., since 1913. Funeral services were held Jan. 28 with Pastor Richard Cornwell officiating.

WALLACE, Ina, 92, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 10. She was a member of the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church of Tucson, Ariz. Kenneth Curtis, pastor.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1971 NFBC NATIONAL CONFERENCE - AUG. 6-13

Winona Lake, Indiana

Conference Theme: "I've Found the Answer"

GREAT AMERICAN RALLY

- DR. WILLIAM WARD AYER
- DR. WILBUR NELSON

EVENING CHALLENGE SPEAKER

- REV. C. SUMNER WEMP

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION

- REV. GEORGE GARDINER

SOUL-WINNING CLINICS

- LED BY MR. RON PICARD

*Weak? Nay! He was master of them all!
Then why did He die?
Ah! That is the question.
What is the answer to the mystery of . . .*

The Tragedy of the Cross

By the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman

Editor's note—This article was used as the basis of a radio broadcast on April 5, 1947 over the ABC radio network. We share it with you again as a message that is needed today and is timeless in nature. It will bring back many fond memories to those who had the privilege of hearing Dr. Bauman's messages in the past.

We live in a world of tragedy. From that tragic day when the cherubim of God drew their swords and drove our first parents out of Eden, until these last days when tragic wars have beggared and degraded mankind, the history of the world has been largely years of agony upon agony, and tragedy upon tragedy.

Of all the tragic ages, the greatest tragedy ever enacted took place on a skull-shaped rock just outside the gates of Jerusalem. There, with the blood oozing from a hundred gashes upon His scourged back; with a mass of wicked thorns embedded in His brow; with cruel spikes tearing the tender flesh of His hands and feet; with the venomous spittle of men running down over His face; with the cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" bursting through His parched lips, the Lord of glory lifted His eyes toward the skies, and cried, "It is finished!" Then He dismissed His spirit, bowed His head, and died. The depth of the meaning of that tragedy no man will ever fathom—the eternal God insulted by every possible insult, and spiked upon the accursed tree.

If we are to have the slightest understanding of that tragedy, there is one common error that must never be allowed to creep into our minds. That error is that Jesus Christ, upon that tree, died the death of a martyr. A martyr is one hopelessly unable to protect himself against those who seek his life. Every picture we have ever seen of the Christ in the hands of His enemies on that terrible night, has been the picture of a man with a

martyr's visage, hopelessly weak and unable to defend himself from the torments of His murderers. Just the opposite is true. On that night, Jesus, the Christ, was the mightiest, the kingliest, the most majestic of them all. Spineless throngs, led by Pontius Pilate, surged around Him—a mass of humanity morally weak, spiritually weak, physically weak. He alone was strong.

Recall that scene! He was praying in Gethsemane. He heard the stealthy tread of approaching feet, "A great multitude with swords and staves," with Judas, the traitor, and the soldiers of Caesar leading on. Jesus arose. He shot one glance of the eye that could pierce the fathomless depths of a universe, and backwards they went, falling like dead men to the ground. With one glance of that same eye He could have hurled to the earth all the armies that imperial Caesar ever marshaled.

Then, in marvelous submission, He stretched forth His mighty arms for the bonds saying: "Proceed! I'll go with you, now that you know you cannot take Me." Listen to His words: "I lay down my life. . . . No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17-18). Behold! What a sight! Feeble men leading "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah" as a lamb to the slaughter!

They led Him into the judgment hall. Pilate shouted at Him: "Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" (John 19:10). The almighty Lord quickly responded to that boast: "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:11).

Weak? Nay! He was master of them all! Then, why did He die? Ah! That is the question. And there is only one



wer: the death of the Christ must
e been one awful necessity! Paul
e the only possible explanation.
us Christ was of God "set forth to
a propitiation through faith in his
od . . . for the remission of sins."
died that God "might be just, and
justifier of him which believeth in
us" (Rom. 3:25-26).

All of which means that God of this
verse sits upon a throne established
absolute justice. God must be just!
at as is His love and mercy, He can-
dispense His love or His mercy at
expense of His justice.

Now, justice demands: "The soul
t sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4).
en that fiat went forth from the
of divine justice, instantly the
blem of the just, yet merciful God,
ame: "How can I be just and yet
e the transgressor of My holy law
n the death he so justly deserves?"
ere *was*—there *is* only one answer:
e penalty of broken law must be
d before the guilty can be saved;

divine justice must be satisfied. That
called for the cross on Calvary. Jesus
Christ could die, descend into hell, and
then, in His might, rip the hinges from
the gates of hell, and arise a victor.
The guilty sinner has no such power.
Therefore Christ took the sinner's
place and paid the price. "He was
wounded for our transgressions, he
was bruised for our iniquities: . . . the
Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of
us all" (Isa. 53:5-6).

Now, we know why He yielded
himself into the jaws of the hounds of
hell that terrible night. Now we know
why He did not respond to His tor-
mentors when they mockingly cried:
"If thou be the Son of God, come
down from the cross. . . . He saved
others"; they sneered, "himself he can-
not save" (Matt. 27:40, 42). They
spoke more truly than they knew.

"If from the cross He had come down,
How strange it would have been
To see the Christ with awful frown
Scatter His foes obscene!

"The Pharisees had cowered then,
Nor any fresh sign carved
From the acknowledged King of men—
But would we have been saved?"

Mrs. Leona Cole of Long Beach,
California, once heard me speak on
this subject. Then she picked up her
pen and wrote:

"Jew and Gentile, Scribe and Pharisee
Were in the mob that clamored for the
tree
They followed up the hill and did not
know
That it was love, not whips, that made
Him go!

"The soldiers, 'mid the howling rabble
bands,
Made sure the spikes that tore His feet
and hands.
Their exultation pierced the murky air—
But it was love, not nails, that held Him
there!"

No, my friends, you will never,
never, never understand the mystery
of the tragedy of the cross, until you
understand that "it was love, not nails,
that held Him there!"

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD GIVING - 1970

The top twenty churches

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Winona Lake, Ind.	Charles Ashman	\$ 1,787.40
Jenners, Pa.	James Hoffmeyer	1,068.36
Wooster, Ohio	Kenneth Ashman	937.20
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	Robert Collitt	864.54
Rittman, Ohio	Robert Russell	808.27
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Jack Peters	789.11
Warsaw, Ind.	Mark Malles	719.52
Ankenytown, Ohio	Larry Gegner	617.75
Homerville, Ohio	Robert Holmes	598.80
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	Wesley Haller	597.50
Fremont, Ohio	J. Ward Tressler	559.00
Winchester, Va.	Paul Dick	556.62
Dayton, Ohio (First)	G. Forrest Jackson	554.60
Harrisburg, Pa.	Earle Peer	536.50
Uniontown, Pa.	True Hunt	487.74
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	Richard Grant	432.50
Bellflower, Calif.	Edwin Cashman	412.17
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	M. Lee Myers	382.63
Portis, Kans.	Bill Stevens	374.00
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	A. Harold Arrington	366.75

1971 BMH TOTAL GOAL - \$35,000

Set a family goal of \$10.00 for publications!

God Uses Many Ways

By Mrs. Eddie Mensinger
Missionary to Africa

Many years ago a little five-year-old came to her mother crying, "I don't think I will ever get to Africa." When she grew up, however, she did make it to Africa—but the years between and the way the Lord continued to lead in that direction would fill a small volume if all the details were written.

Back when I was that little girl of five, my parents had come to know the Lord and were members of the Brethren church at Harrah, Washington, pastored then by Rev. Curtis Morrill, a returned missionary from Africa. This was the root of my early interest in that particular field.

The Lord uses many ways to bring about His will in our lives. For me, certainly one of the greatest of these was dedicated Christian parents with a strong missionary interest. Our church also played an important role with programs such as BYF, SMM, and youth camps, along with many visiting missionaries.

After dedicating my life to the Lord when I was nine, Africa continued to be my ultimate goal up until the time I went to Grace College. Then during the summer after my freshman year, the Lord allowed me the privilege of being a summer missionary at Taos, New Mexico. This definitely

Eddie, Linda and Suzanne Mensinger



stimulated my interest in missions—and not for Africa only, for home missions and Spanish-American missions had been added and God's will for me was no longer as definite as before.

Shortly after my summer at Taos—in fact, during my sophomore year at Grace College—my fondness for a young man named Eddie Mensinger began to grow. His goal was to become a home-mission pastor. After a period of time we felt definitely that the Lord would have us serve Him together. Three years later, when I had finished nurse's training, we were married.

During Eddie's last year at Grace Seminary, the Lord began to speak to us about the field of Africa. Our hearts were touched by the great need there. However, after Eddie's graduation it was not the Lord's time for us to go to Africa, and instead He led us to Arvada, Colorado, to begin a new home-mission testimony. Although the work was difficult and often discouraging, we did see blessings, and many times we have thanked God for the experiences He gave us there before going to the foreign field.

Even while we were busy in the work at Arvada, God continued to lay Africa before us. Sometimes it was by a visiting missionary, or perhaps a letter from Africa.

At national conference in 1963, through a message by Rev. Wayne Beaver, God spoke to our hearts, and the next day we let our interest in the foreign field be known to Dr. Russell Barnard, who was then the FMS general secretary. From then on the Lord led more definitely. We were given final approval at conference in 1964 and finished our ministry at Arvada in November of the same year. In May of 1965 when we arrived in Bangui, Central African Republic, the fear I'd had as a five-year-old was completely dispelled. I wish there were some way to describe the peace and

joy we had in knowing that we were just where the Lord wanted us. How I thank Him that through early training I was taught to heed God's will.

We are now in our second term of missionary service, and have spent most of our time at Yaloke. My husband teaches in the School of Theology and the James Gribble High School. I have been involved in the medical work and OTN (women's work). I also teach a class to the wives of School of Theology students and help some in the music program, as well as the necessary work of being a wife and being a mother to our twenty-one-month-old daughter, Suzanne.

I feel that God has blessed us abundantly in calling us to Africa. We feel that it is a great work and so much remains to be done. How we praise Him that He has given us the opportunity of having a part in His program of world evangelization.

POSTSCRIPT: A little more insight into the life of Linda Mensinger, an energetic missionary with an irrepressible sense of humor, might be gained through a personal letter which accompanied the foregoing article, and so I am taking the liberty of including the following excerpts from that letter.—*Marcia Wardell.*

Christmas came and went and we had a busy time. Christmas out here is always very enjoyable; in fact, I must admit that when on furlough I was a wee bit homesick for Africa at Christmas time. The church program as usual was excellent; these people are such good actors. We then had everyone on the station together Christmas night for a party. We are really quite a gang here at Yaloke, and we had a great time.

Suzie is growing like a bad weed. At twenty-one months she acts very much like two or more and is as tall if not taller than many two-year-olds. She dearly loves the Africans and they love her, too. She will go to any African, but as for strange white people, she will have nothing to do with them until she gets to know them quite well. She is quite a little ham and really en-

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WMC Assists BSLV

By Dr. Harold Etling
Director, BSLV Program

Are you one of the many who pray daily for one or more of our BSLV members? Perhaps you have not been privileged to hear of some of the answers to your prayers. I am blessed in a particular way since I have the opportunity of serving as the director of this program. Let me share with you some very recent excerpts from letters to our office—yet keeping confidences with the young people by keeping their identity hidden.

"Dear Mr. Etling: Thank you for your recent letter and the lovely book which has been such a help to me in my Christian life. I am now a student at Grace College, preparing to serve the Lord after college days in the work of teaching either on a mission field or at home. . ."

Here is another—"Dear Mr. Etling: Thank you for the birthday card. It is so wonderful to know that some are praying for me. I am now a sophomore in high school, and praying the Lord will lead me as I finish school and then go on to college."

"Dear Mr. Etling: We have moved and I wanted to send you my new address. Please pray for (several names included) who have dropped away from our church. I fear they are turning away from the Lord. . ."

"Dear Mr. Etling: Please continue to pray for me as I try to witness to some of my classmates. They do not

always want to hear when I try to share with them, and then I drop the direct approach, and pray that the Lord will give me another opportunity. When I finish school here, I plan to go to Grace College if I can get in. Please tell me about how to enter Grace College."

Do these kind of letters make you rejoice that a program like BSLV ever got a start?

We need your continued prayers. Oh, yes—perhaps I should tell you again BSLV stands for Brethren Student Life Volunteers. It is open to

all young people of Brethren churches who submit their lives to Christ, to serve Him in whatever way and place He shall direct. When a decision of life commitment is made, one way of following it up is to get that young person to enroll in BSLV. We immediately contact them and keep in touch with them through their days of school life.

Each church should have a BSLV supervisor with whom we can work. We will be happy to furnish information to any church not already involved.





David, Bobby and Mark Bray

By Mrs. Douglas Bray
Pastor's Wife, Westminster, Calif.

now. Those three are the most precious gifts you could ever want to have. Enjoy them. They're a lot of trouble aren't they, Mommy? (and with that I recalled in my mind the earlier events of the day)—but it is worth every troublesome moment." With that she walked off to pay her check.

Truly our children are "precious gifts" sent from heaven. It is so often difficult to be wise and patient parents. But we know that as Christians we can daily ask the Lord to give us wisdom and patience to accomplish one of the hardest, yet most rewarding tasks of a lifetime. We know that God understands because He gave His "precious gift," His Son, to die on the cross for our sins. This is far more than we are asked to do.

So, Mommy and Daddy, when you feel like "throwing in the sponge" just remember that God has given to us "precious gifts" as a means of teaching us many lessons we might not otherwise learn. Some days may not be easy. However, we can and should thank Him for these "precious gifts" he has entrusted to our care.

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Three Precious Gifts

I had just finished wrapping the last Christmas gift this past Christmas. As I was tying the final bow I reflected on an event that had happened a few days before.

It was the first morning of Christmas vacation. I had been looking forward to this morning as it was my husband's day off, and one of the two mornings during the school year we could all sleep in. We were tired from the many Christmas activities. Suddenly my sound sleep was broken with the coughing and crying of our four-year-old. He had awakened and was very sick to his stomach. The commotion disturbed the other two boys, and in minutes they were out of bed. Our morning to sleep in had ended!

While I tended to Bobby, the sick one—Mark, our five-year-old, was trying to glue a toy that had broken. By the time I discovered him, the glue was well dripped over the new shag carpet. A few minutes later, David, the two-year-old spilled his orange juice across the dining table. With that I climbed back into bed and decided I'd rather be a Daddy that day than a Mommy. With what bedlam that day's events had started!

I was still feeling sorry for myself later that day when Daddy, the boys and I went to a nearby shopping

center to select Christmas gifts for the church staff. (Bobby's nausea had passed.) While we were deciding which gifts to buy, the boys were playing hide-and-seek between cartons of Pizza Chips and Sesame Sticks. We decided to go to a restaurant for a snack to think over our possible purchases—it was a little hard to think in the store. This is when it happened.

On the way to the restaurant the boys were given three free balloons filled with helium. We had quite a time because the balloons kept sticking to the ceiling in the restaurant and the waitress was getting tangled in the long strings. I finally tied the strings to my purse, the three balloons still waving in the air. We felt as though everyone was staring at us.

There were two elderly ladies sitting at a table across the aisle from us. We were sure they were wishing we would go away. (By this time the boys were arguing about which one had the largest slice of goodies.) One of the ladies finally spoke up and said, "We were just looking at and enjoying your three precious gifts." Thinking at first she must surely have meant our Christmas purchases we smiled back. Then she came to our table and said, "You see, my husband and I couldn't have any children. We are old and lonely



The Solon Hoyts returned to Argentina this past January following their furlough year in the United States. En route back to the field they had the privilege of stopping for several days in Brazil, where they visited most of the Brethren missionaries and mission stations.

During the furlough year the two older Hoyt children were married. Rita is now Mrs. Michael Koch, and she and her husband are working with Operation Mobilization in Vienna, Austria. Lynn and his wife, Mary, live in Indiana. Their second son, Aldo, also remained in the U.S., and now only the two younger boys, Ivan and Alan, are with their parents.

The Hoyts' new assignment is to begin a work in Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, a metropolis of several million people. The Lord has answered prayer in helping them find a home, but much more prayer is a continuing need as they seek people with hearts prepared to receive the Gospel.

God Uses Many Ways

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joys entertaining people. Her afternoon babysitter usually takes her to Elsie Balzer's choir practice and she loves to "sing" with them.

We are now in our new house and have just finished getting linoleum laid. It really looks quite nice for the moment. We certainly enjoy it. Al (Balzer) really did a lovely job. Several little jobs remain to be done, like getting curtains up in the bathroom and kitchen. . . .

In two hours we will be having a watch night service at Gail's (Jones) place, so I am trying to get some correspondence done before then. One of the students fell tonight and broke his wrist, and Eddie will be taking him to Bangui tomorrow morning to have it X-rayed and set; consequently, we will have a way to get letters out. It is unfortunate that it has to be a trip such as this, but be they bad or good, we try to take advantage of every occasion.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — MAY

AFRICA

- Karen Sue Walker May 11, 1955
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Daniel Keith Hocking May 21, 1958
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

- Mrs. David W. Shargel May 23
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

- Camille Sue Cone May 26, 1955
c/o Roy B. Snyder, B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

- Benjamin Paul Fay May 22, 1961
Corrientes 2, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL

- Mrs. Earle C. Hodgdon May 13
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

- Nathan Allen Johnson May 14, 1959
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

- Mrs. Ernest H. Bearinger May 15
Caixa Postal 368, Belem, Para, Brazil.

- Marilyn Joy Johnson May 17, 1957
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

EUROPE

- Mr. Daniel L. Hammers May 25
Chateau de St. Albain, 71 — Lugny, France.

MEXICO

- Mrs. James P. Dowdy May 4
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924.

- Laura Marguerita Guereña May 9, 1958
Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D.F., Mexico.

IN THE UNITED STATES

- Miss Grace Byron May 7
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

- Margaret Ann McDairmant May 11, 1965
c/o D. D. Terry, 2504 Madrid Way S., St. Petersburg, Florida 33712.

- Rev. Robert J. Cover May 19
570 W. Whittier, Tracy, California 95376.

March begins the offering emphasis for Foreign Missions. Our project this year is to provide funds for Bible commentaries in Sango for Africa. Our goal is \$4,500.

A Baker's Dozen

We of the Midwest District are happy to announce that we now have thirteen WMC's, three having been established in 1970. Truly the Lord is blessing us.

On January 15, three of our councils held a special meeting in Denver honoring two of our Africa missionaries, Miss Ruth Kent and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy. This proved to be a very informative meeting and also a time when we all enjoyed fine fellowship.



The Talitha Council in Denver was happy to open its missionary chest so the missionaries could have gifts of their own choosing.

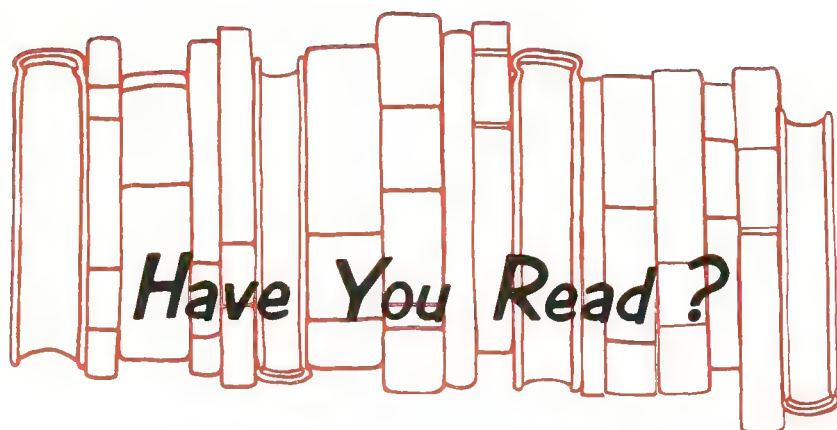
There are several WMC ladies in the district who are conducting Child Evangelism classes and find it a very rewarding experience.

We of the Denver Talitha Council are privileged to spend some time each

month at a nursing home. The patients love to sing the old favorite hymns and enjoy the goodies we provide.

We are looking forward to our annual spring rally in April with five of our councils participating. Inasmuch as our district is scattered, covering approximately 1,000 miles, it is impossible for the entire district to meet more than twice a year.

WMC Recommended Books



Born Out of Conflict—an autobiography of Ben Song, as told to Cliff Christians.

"We Christians never have problems, just situations." These are the words of Ben Song, a Korean preacher, teacher, evangelist. His is a most incredible story—as the son of an aristocratic Korean family who was orphaned at the age of seven, plunged from a life with plenty to one of starvation and want. You will be spellbound as you follow him from mansion to only a cave for shelter; from a life as a beggar boy to his life in an orphanage as the one who was required to bury the dead babies. His miraculous new birth, the determination to get an education, his loneliness, his strength and perseverance—all will thrill you. Every chapter is a testimony of supernatural love and power.

Ben Song says: "Never has the hunger for Jesus Christ been greater. Our outreach to the rag pickers in the slums, the outcast blind, the criminals in prison, . . . the millions across Asia, the youth and unsaved in America—God has increased these opportunities a hundredfold." This book is a "must."

L'Abri—Edith Schaeffer

"L'Abri" is the French word for shelter, a shelter for anyone in need of spiritual help. It has been called a mission to the intellectuals, but it was not planned that way. Indeed, it was not planned at all. In this book, Mrs. Schaeffer tells how she and her husband with their three young daughters gave up a pastorate to go to Switzerland because they felt God needed them in Europe.

They began by opening their home

to friends, mainly students in need of the Lord. The Schaeffers led in discussions and answered questions as they presented Christ as Saviour. This simple work expanded until now there are several chalets in Switzerland and a house in London where people can come who wish answers to basic philosophical problems.

This is an especially valuable book for women because the writer describes her family life and the manner in which these problems mingled with those of the mission. So often the work with which she glorified God was woman's work—cooking, dishwashing, cleaning, and simply being a mother.

Under the Parsonage Roof—Althea S. Miller

Have you ever looked at the calm, poised wife of your pastor, and wondered if she is always cool and efficient? Or does she occasionally have some of the crises so familiar to the ordinary households?

Althea Miller has removed the roof of the parsonage, to show us just what does happen in a pastor's family of nine children. We read of joys and triumphs, griefs and bereavement, as well as humorous incidents and simple fatigue and frustrations. Somehow, no matter what happens, Mrs. Miller manages to bring a spiritual lesson from it.

(WMC Editor's Note: We are grateful to Mrs. Lucille Smith, Ashland, Ohio, for these book reviews. Remember that your WMC may order these books from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.)

the Creative woman

By Althea S. Miller

Invests in Life

"Help," she cried three times from an open window, but neighbors and passers-by who heard the cry didn't raise a finger either to investigate or help. Nobody wanted to become involved in an unknown situation. Next day a roommate found her body. Death, for lack of a moment's investment of self in another's life.

From the spate of scientific discoveries—the laser beam to development of computers that "think" and the achievement of men stepping onto the moon, one could guess that nearly all people are caught up in some sort of exciting involvement with life. Trouble is, this just isn't so. Most involvement seems to be with technology, ideas and things—not with people. The creative Christian woman wants to make a personal investment of herself in people who have need.

Who needs help that you can give? Practically everyone you know within your sphere of living. Does everyone want your help? NO! So how do you ascertain where to begin and with whom? God's Spirit will guide you "where" on the basis of what He sees in your heart. As to "whom," those in your home take priority, even when they don't especially want your help. The enormous present need of many people is often traceable to lack of family concern. Don't add to this number by neglecting your own. It is

imperative that you establish priorities.

What are the limits of involvement considering the price and value of your investment? Surely the *whole man*—the physical, intellectual-emotional and spiritual reaches of God's "fearfully and wonderfully made" human. Don't grasp at the enormity of the task; you take just one step at a time in pertinent order.

People rarely have to be reminded of what they'll gain from wise personal investments of money and time in securities, ideas and things growing out of technological research. Even Christians have become portfolio conscious. This doesn't necessarily constitute sin unless such priorities supersede the more important. Take a look at the important.

Time and facts confirm the conclusion that both the evangelical and liberal blocs of Christians have erred in their placement of priorities. The former says, at least by action, Get a man saved (spiritual needs) and all other areas of his life will fall into place. He will automatically learn to work, be fed, housed and satisfied. In effect, liberals say, Get a man out of the ghetto, give him food, guaranteed income, entertainment, pleasant environment (human needs) and he will quickly learn to "be good," love God and become a productive citizen. Why has neither theory been proved thoroughly correct?

Most of the people who read this paper don't know the agonies of devastating, continuous hunger with the uncertainties of how or if we'll get another crust tomorrow. But think! How

can a man be concerned about "spiritual food" or a pie-in-the-sky eternity when he is too hungry for his brain to function or his heart to respond in the now?

Then there's that other approach that feeds, clothes, and upgrades environment. Why are those advocates doomed to disappointment? Isn't it because God says that man does not live by bread alone; that a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses?

Creative women will put both these viewpoints in their proper perspective. After alleviating sufferings so that a man can listen and think, you will concurrently point him to the Bread and Water of life by loving, leading and praying him into tasting of that which is eternally satisfying, even Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of mankind.

To build the physical and attempt to support the emotional while disregarding the spiritual is like expecting a three-legged stool to be properly balanced on two. Except that the consequences in the human realm are usually devastating. Every man has a God-sized space in his being which can be filled only by Him who is Creator and re-Creator of man through Jesus Christ. Man-made religions can't fit into that space; human psychological concepts are too malformed to mesh; the human intellect cannot, indeed, will not accommodate to God's "shape" in the inner man.

All of which leads me to say that the creative woman will critically examine her own spiritual posture and bring it into conformity with God's mold. This can be done only as she permits God to be God, coming in the only way acceptable to Him: "... no man cometh unto the Father, but by me [Jesus]" (John 14:6). Once her spirit is in accord with the Father, all her love and learning in the emotional-intellectual sphere will reach full potential; the physical will grow to its productive best. Then her investment in life—that of her family, community and world will reap rich dividends.

Christian families are finding that life and interaction with it is not getting easier. Nor will it. Today, somebody needs help in carrying a heavy load; cries out for a listening ear, and desperately calls for an understanding heart. Didn't I hear you say you have an investment to make?

It was an unusual service at the Community Brethren Church that night. George Link, minister of music, stood at the pulpit and said, "Pastor, all we ask of you tonight is to make the announcements and receive the offering."

The announcements were made and the offering was taken.

"It will not be necessary for you to preach tonight, Pastor," continued Mr. Link, "because the sermon will be given through recounting the 17 years of your ministry here. This is *your* life, Pastor Ward A. Miller."

The ministry was a fruitful 17 years for Pastor Miller at the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, California. A decision to begin a new ministry at the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church in Modesto would soon bring it to an end. Over 500 church members, relatives and friends gathered for the evening service January 3 to thank him and bid him farewell.

Taken completely by surprise, Pastor Miller sat back to enjoy the remainder of the program. Through careful planning and closely guarded details, a host of people were secretly

brought in from all over the country to be in the service. Many who were not able to come sent tape-recorded messages.

Many special guests were on hand for the occasion. Lorraine Marshall, twin sister of the pastor's wife, was flown in from Ridgewood, New Jersey. Present to relate childhood incidents was Mrs. Martha Lohnes, the pastor's sister.

Former staff members present were: Dr. Lloyd Schoen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borrer, Mr. and Mrs. Mert Lambert, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schwarz.

Present via tape recordings were: Mrs. R. Paul Miller, Sr., Rev. Carl Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Brock, Mrs. Kathie Kingery (daughter), David Miller (son), and Harry Froehlich, Jr.

Staff members of the church and Whittier Christian High School who gave testimonies were: George Link; Marian McBride, pastor's secretary; T. R. Partee, chairman of the board of directors, W.C.H.S.; and Gene Birdsall, principal, W.C.H.S.

Additional testimonies were given by former members Bud Hooker, Mel Grimm and Al Krus.

Radiant testimonies came from Homer McCoy, Arthur Eide, Pierre Soubeyran and Pam Vogel—all new Christians in the church.

Phyllis Allen, a student in Mrs. Miller's first kindergarten class in the day school, and Randy Watson, who trusted Christ as his Saviour after a chapel message by Pastor Miller, concluded the testimony time.

In appreciation of the years of service to the church, Pastor and Mrs. Miller received an automobile and a substantial gift of money for a trip to the Holy Land from the congregation. Mr. Dan Shedd, principal of the Christian day school operated by the church, presented them with additional money for the trip.

As a conclusion to the evening, the Millers were given a cake with the inscription, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants 1953-1971."

—Submitted by Marian McBride



(Above) Pastor and Mrs. Miller received an automobile and money for a trip to the Holy Land from the church. (Below) For refreshments, the Millers were given a cake with the inscription "Well done, thou good and faithful servants 1953-1971."



Mrs. Lorraine Marshall (left), Mrs. Miller's twin sister, was flown in from New Jersey for the occasion.

After 17 fruitful years at Whittier . . .

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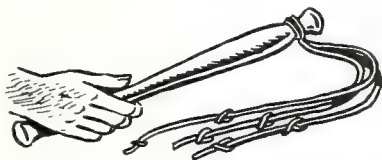
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IN JOURNEYINGS OFTEN, ... IN PERILS OF ROBBERS"

II COR. 11: 24-26



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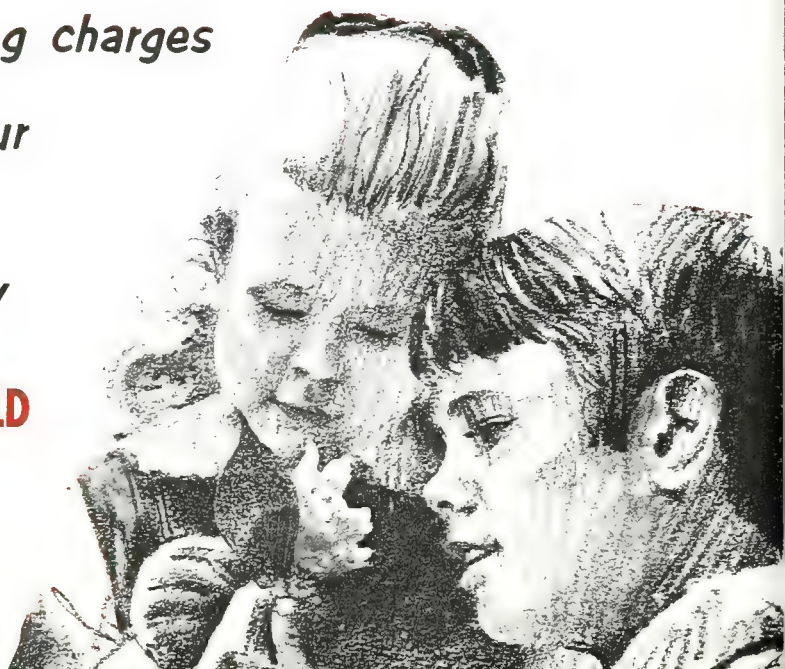
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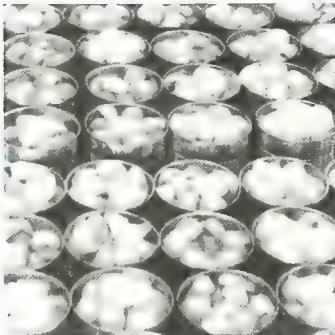
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Founder of the Brethren Movement*

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Thoughts on the Future of the Church

One of the more widely discussed topics of the day is the future of the church. This is a matter of interest both to the religious and secular press and the opinions are as varied as the snowflakes. The reason for the difference of opinion is a result of what people think the church to be. So we have to identify the subject before we can try to chart the course of her future.

In the minds of most writers the church is defined as a religious-structured organization in which individuals band themselves together for pursuit of a body of beliefs. This takes into consideration a very wide spectrum of religious ideas, but the key words here are *structured organization*. This description covers the whole area, from the great cathedrals to the small white country church, but it is in the minds of people—the church.

The church is undergoing great change at the present time and her future pathway is now reaching a more defined course of action. The great wave of interest that followed World War II and moved the church into a prime position in the communities now seems to have spent itself. The tide appears to be moving out and the leaders are searching for new ways to keep the organization going. Faced with swelling budgets and shrinking congregations it is getting harder to pay the bills and to keep the congregations interested in the total program of the church.

Leisure time is increasing as the weekends are getting longer and the people are becoming more restless. While unions push for a shorter work week—a four-day work week and a three-day weekend—Congress passes new legislation to increase the number of holidays that will be observed on Monday. This year 13 percent of the weekends will be long ones.

In desperation the church seeks to find an answer to place herself back in the good graces of a disinterested membership. She seeks out other churches in the same situation and then merges to help cut the overhead. In many of the major denominations, staffs have been cut drastically to reconcile income and outgo. The church finds her program being more

and more in line with that of the world and the line of demarcation is broken down. It is hard at times, by the sound of things, to tell whether you are in Joe's place or the First Church. The confusion of it all makes it difficult to understand what the message at the First Church really is—whether spoken or sung!

What has brought the church as an organization to such a low state in the minds of people to whom it must minister? Is there a loss of respect, that has resulted from the *liberal* churches failing to place the Word of God and its message clearly before people as their only hope? Is it the frustration of honest people who see the *fundamental* churches split by dissension and lack of love and often doing God's work in an inefficient and ineffective manner? These factors have had their impact on the thinking of the people, along with the constant pressure of Satan who is seeking to undo the work of God in the church. The future of the church as an organization is not the brightest, but it is not all dim either if the church will seek to be what God wants it to be.

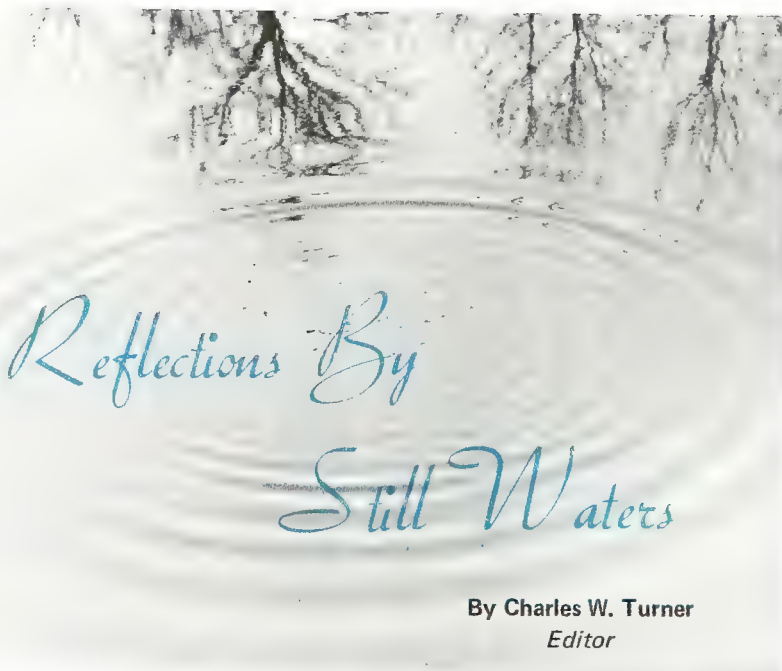
This brings us to a further definition of the word "church" in its fullest sense—the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is made up of those who by faith have been united with Christ through the new birth. Here the future is as bright as the promises of God. I still have great faith in the body of

believers who will accept the Word of God as truth and seek to follow it. The church in this sense cannot fail because God has promised ultimate victory. Let me also say that I believe that the church organized on this basis has a great future and is still the most effective way of carrying on a local ministry and a missionary program at home and abroad.

History teaches us the lesson that to break off in small units to seek a sheltered existence has never proved to be of any great success in effective service. The monasteries and cloisters of past centuries prompt the thoughts that the Christian way has never been that of retreating to a tightly bound group to rehash pet opinions and theories. Rather, it has been living and teaching while out in the mainstream of life. That is where the action for God has really been. If there is a doubt, read about the men of faith of Hebrews 11.

The future of the true church remains as it always has been. An outlook that involves struggle, temptations and difficulties. A true labor of love for God that demands a faithfulness to Him until He calls each member of the body home, one by one. Then at a special moment of time, the last remaining members of the "family" will be called home en masse at the rapture.

The future of The Church is very bright.



Why, how and when did the Brethren Movement begin? Wherein does it differ from other denominational groups? These and similar questions are often asked by strangers who come in contact with Brethren people. As in the case of all other denominations, there are definite answers to such questions. Informed Brethren people can tell the story of the beginnings and development of their Fellowship. As in most cases, God used a man to bring this denomination into existence.

Alexander Mack is his name. He was born at Schriesheim, Germany, in 1679, of pious parents who belonged to the Reformed Church. This was one of the three state churches in Germany at that time, the other two being the Roman Catholic and the Lutheran. To belong to any other was to be a heretic. Mack in his early years became dissatisfied with the formalism and superficial study of the Scriptures that characterized the state churches to a large degree, and he became a Separatist. In due time, he located in Schwarzenau, a quiet village on the

Eder River in Westphalia. Here he plied the trade of a miller and became quite well to do. In Schwarzenau he enjoyed close fellowship with other Separatists, especially with Ernst Christopher Hochmann, an ardent pietist. Together Mack and Hochmann made many preaching trips along the Rhine. Mack learned much from this companion in the realm of preaching and Bible content. Mack agreed with Hochmann in stressing the importance of consistent living as well as right doctrine. They talked heart to heart about the religious conditions of the time, the matters of New Testament ordinances and of church organization.

It was on this latter matter that the two men came to disagreement. They could not find fellowship in the established churches, but to remain simply Separatists was to be deprived of the ordinances of God's house and the means of spiritual growth afforded thereby. Hochmann's mystical tendencies enabled him to halt here, but Mack's greater resoluteness would not let him be satisfied with anything

short of an organization in which he could practice the rites and ordinances of the New Testament as he understood them. This led Mack to the organization of the German Baptist Brethren as it was commonly called for many years. It was also called Dunkers.

Prior to the organization of the new church, Mack and his sympathizers at Schwarzenau studied carefully the Scriptures and came to the conclusion that trine immersion was the scriptural method of baptism. They were convinced that in connection with the observance of the Bread and the Cup at communion, there should also be the washing of the saints' feet and the Love Feast. Other matters were discussed and decisions made. Thus, in the background of the organization of the new denomination, it is clearly evident that there was a total commitment to the authority of the Word of God. As yet they had not adopted the motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible" which later was to become the Brethren's doc-

Alexander Mack, Founder of the Brethren Movement

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.



Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., is the registrar for Grace Theological Seminary. He is regarded as the "dean" of Brethren church history, and has authored the book, 250 Years, Conquering Frontiers, which traces the history of the Brethren Church from before the period of the Reformation down to the present day.

Dissatisfied with the superficial state churches, Alexander Mack went on his own to form the foundation of the Brethren Movement.

trinal guide, but practically they did so.

The occasion of the beginning of the Brethren Church at Schwarzenau in 1708 is simply told by Martin Grove Brumbaugh in these graphic words:

"Eight pious souls, after careful prayer and prolonged study, relying only upon God and the Bible to guide them and their followers forever, walked slowly, solemnly and heroically from the house of Alexander Mack to the River Eder, which, like a silver

thread, wound its way through the heart of a rich and varied landscape. Here the pious eight, in the early morning, surrounded by many witnesses, knelt in prayer, and then one of them led Alexander Mack into the water and immersed him three times, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Then Alexander Mack baptized the other seven, and these eight, perhaps the first to receive trine immersion in the history of the Protestant Church, then

organized a new congregation. This new congregation chose one of their number, Alexander Mack, as their leader, and thus began the Taufers or German Baptist Church, as a separate and distinct organization" (p. 29, *History of the Brethren*).

The new congregation at Schwarzenau suffered violent persecution due to the fact that it was an "illegal" church, not belonging to one of the prescribed three state churches. Some fled from Schwarzenau to other parts of Germany, even as far as to Switzerland and Denmark. Several other congregations came into being with similar experiences of persecution.

One group under Peter Becker left Krefeld in 1719 and came to America hoping to find peace and an opportunity to worship and expand as they felt persuaded. Alexander Mack, the main subject of this article, remained in Europe until 1729. Prior to this, in 1720, being sorely persecuted at Schwarzenau, he and his congregation fled to Westervain, Holland, where they remained until the call to America prevailed.

Mack and his entire congregation set sail for the New World. They were joyfully met by the first party that had come to these shores under the leadership of Peter Becker ten years before. Germantown, Pennsylvania, was the headquarters of the Brethren and the site of the first Brethren Church in America. The group in America was greatly encouraged by the presence of their original leader, but Alexander Mack lived only six years after coming to America, leaving his example as a cherished heritage for those who were to follow him.

Alexander Mack has left a legacy for future generations which has been followed in three particular ways among others:

First, Mack's dependence upon the authority of God's Word has been, and is witnessed in numerous ways. For one thing, soon after the followers of Mack came to America there was the feeling that the German Bible, trans-

This portrait of Alexander Mack will appear in the Christian Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.



lated by Luther in 1534, should be made available to the Colonists in the English language. How could the church expect to grow without access to the Word of God in the language of the American people? And so the famous Sower Bible came off the press in 1743. Two successive editions followed in 1763 and 1776. This translation has the distinction of being the first translation of the Bible from a European language into English in America. This unique production aided in stamping the Brethren people as followers of the Bible. Christopher Sower and his son Christopher, Jr., were the printers of this Bible. These two men were vitally associated with the Brethren movement, Christopher, Jr., being a leading elder in the Germantown Church. From that day to the present, the Bible has been the final authority for Brethren people in faith and practice. In 1882, when a divisive spirit entered the church, the Progressive Brethren adopted as their motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible." This motto endures to the present and appears at the beginning of *The Message of the Brethren Ministry* adopted in 1921 and revised in 1969.

In 1914-21 when winds of heretical doctrine were blowing across the Brotherhood from certain quarters, a definite statement on the inspiration of the Scriptures was adopted by the national ministerium and incorporated into *The Message of the Brethren Ministry*. It follows: "The ministry of the Brethren Church desires to bear testimony to the belief that God's supreme revelation has been made through Jesus Christ, a complete and authentic record of which revelation is the New Testament; and to the belief that the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, are the infallible record of the perfect, final and authoritative revelation of God's will, altogether sufficient in themselves as a rule of faith and practice."

This statement was later adopted by the national conference and has been incorporated in substance in the revised statement of faith adopted in 1969 by the National Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. If Alexander Mack were here, we believe he would thoroughly agree with this statement.

And as one can see from carefully examining the statements of faith as adopted by the ministerium and general conference of the National Fellowship, all the doctrinal statements set forth therein are carefully taken from the inspired Scriptures. Thus as Mack desired at the beginning, the National Fellowship is immersed in the Word of God and moves forward under its sole authority.

Second, Alexander Mack's insistence on evangelism is still being strongly emphasized in the Brethren Church. The words to Adam and Noah, "Be ye fruitful and multiply" came to Mack and his followers with peculiar adaptation. They applied these words in a spiritual sense and at once began to add to their numbers

in The Brethren Home Missions Council whose aim is the establishment of new Bible-believing churches in every state in the continental United States. It has already been successful in establishing scores of churches, and its commitment promises greater things in the future as our Lord tarries in His Coming.

This missionary zeal is also witnessed by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church which seeks the salvation of the lost in foreign lands. It is seen in Grace Schools which prepares men and women for missionary outreach. The same missionary zeal is witnessed in various ways in the Missionary Herald Company and in the other organizations of the National Fellowship of Brethren

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souls for whom Christ died. Because of their evangelistic urge, a group of churches were organized in Germany. But, alas, this same zeal brought persecution upon them, and they were permitted to remain only twenty-one years in Europe before they came to America. This zeal did not die when they arrived in America. History records three missionary journeys emanating from Germantown from 1722-24. One of these resulted in the organization of the first Brethren Church in America at Germantown. The second missionary journey in 1723 resulted in six converts. Since as yet there was no church for those new converts to enter, it was decided that it was time to organize a church in which these converts could be nurtured. And so on Christmas Day in 1723 three memorable events took place: the organization of the first Brethren Church in America, the first baptisms, and the first three-fold communion service observed.

From that day to this, the exhortation that so moved Alexander Mack and his associates, "Be fruitful and multiply" has motivated the Brethren Church. Especially is this exemplified

Churches. The example of Mack is not being forgotten.

A *third* legacy from Alexander Mack is that of congregational church government. From the occasion of Mack's insistence upon a vote of the initial eight to determine who would perform the right of the first baptism until the present, the local church is sovereign in the conduct of its affairs within the denominational doctrinal framework. District and national conferences are composed of delegates elected by the constituent churches. Their actions are only advisory, not mandatory. This policy of church government, it is felt, best harmonizes with New Testament procedure. It dignifies the individual and guards against dictatorship with its attendant evils.

In summary, it is fair to say that Alexander Mack was the channel which God used to send forth to the world a Bible-centered ministry. When Brethren people have followed his example in belief and practice, they have prospered. When they have departed therefrom, there has been spiritual decline. He deserves to be remembered.

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*Another Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.
This one features outstanding Christian leaders,
including Alexander Mack.*

Christian Heritage Echoes in the Hall of Fame

By Lester E. Pifer



The spacious foyer of the Canton Baptist Temple confronts you with a short course in Christian history.

Dr. Harold Henniger, pastor of the Canton Baptist Temple, while in Aultman Hospital recovering from a heart attack in November 1964, suddenly conceived a magnificent idea. He had just finished reading Hebrews 11, God's Hall of Fame and Faith. A radio announcement at that moment told of the famed Canton, Ohio, Football Hall of Fame. "Why not establish a Chris-

tian Hall of Fame in honor of and to the great heroes of the Faith? I couldn't help thinking how wonderful it would be to have some of God's heroes on display in our church."

Dr. Henniger had no trouble interesting a group of prominent ministers, evangelists and two Bible College presidents in serving on a board which would consider nominees for the

Christian Hall of Fame. The large church, now numbering close to the 4,500 mark in average attendance, has large spacious corridors and foyer in its new building which provides an ideal location for the special collection of paintings. A gift from the estate of Raymond Parks, member of the congregation, made it financially possible to get the project underway.

Christian artists were chosen and commissioned to paint the portraits for a token gift of \$100, accepting it as a ministry for the Lord. A firm in New Jersey provides the frames for less than wholesale cost. Much of the work of preparing the galleries has been done by elderly members of the congregation. The office personnel is always available to escort visitors through the display areas.

Extreme care is used by the advisory board in the selection of portraits for display. Nominees that are chosen differ in background, education, method and field of ministry, but spiritually they must have shown an unswerving devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and a complete dedication to His Word. A second requirement is that their ministry must now be finished, they must be deceased.

The Canton Baptist Temple is located just north of Route 30 at 515 Whipple, N.W. This three million dollar edifice is the home of a strong evangelistic and energetic congregation. From this building emanates a large personal evangelism and visitation ministry, a weekly telecast of the morning service, several weekly radio programs and a large bus ministry. A record-breaking DVBS of over 3,000 was held here last summer.

When entering this evangelistic center one immediately is confronted with a short course in church history. Beginning with the Early Church fathers, some of whom died at the stake for their faith in Christ, one

walks through these 260 feet of corridors and is stirred with a spirit of deep appreciation for the courage, steadfastness and deep devotion of

these giants of the faith. One stands in awe at the dedication to the call of God, the dangers through which these men traveled in the splendid ac-

The \$3 million Canton Baptist Temple houses the portraits of these giants of the faith.



complishment of lives spent for God and His work on earth. Looking into the faces of these church founders, Bible teachers and evangelists causes one to bow in thanksgiving for the souls who have come to Christ and the transformed lives that have followed in the wake of their service. The true child of God cannot read these inscriptions and see these portraits without coming away with a new sense of dedication, yieldedness and willingness to serve the cause of Christ.

Such great men as Chrysostom, Polycarp, Ignatius and Savonarola still speak at this Christian Hall of Faith and Fame. Renowned missionaries such as Jonathan Goforth, David Livingstone, C. T. Studd and William Carey still bear a testimony for Christ. Church reformers like Martin Luther, Zwingli, and John Knox still reveal their reasons for steadfastness for Christ and His Church. More recent Bible teachers and evangelists as Harry Ironside, C. I. Scofield, Charles Spurgeon, J. Wilbur Chapman, Dwight L. Moody and Billy Sunday are pictured too.

Alexander Mack's portrait, a man greatly beloved by Brethren people everywhere, will have its place among the church founding fathers. The inscription will read as follows:

"Alexander Mack (1679-1735) is considered the founder of the Brethren Movement, oftentimes called the Tunker Movement because of insistence upon trine immersion as the proper mode of baptism. Following careful study of Scripture, Mack found himself out of harmony with the three state churches of Germany because of their formality, laxity in practice, and failure to observe all the New Testament teachings. In 1708, at Schwarzenau, Germany, with seven other like-minded persons, he organized a new denomination with a Christo-Bible-centered emphasis. Persecution caused flight from Germany. By way of the Netherlands, they followed others of like faith to America in

1729. Germantown, Pennsylvania, became their American headquarters. From Mack's initial efforts three main groups have emerged: The Church of the Brethren, the Old German Baptist Brethren and the Progressive Brethren Church which is officially recognized as The Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio) and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (Grace Brethren, Winona Lake, Indiana) whose motto is "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

Mack, an extreme Separatist, like many of the early founders, had strong conviction against any "graven images" which might be considered to exalt man beyond his proper place as a bond servant of Christ. Therefore, to our knowledge no actual picture could be found in all of Brethren history and antiquity.

Some years ago a Brethren artist, Mr. Medford D. Neher (now in his eighties and living in Florida) painted a series of murals depicting Brethren history for the chapel at Camp Mack near Milford, Indiana. Neher gathered pencil sketches of Mack's relatives, and with his general knowledge of Mack's activities he proceeded under the inspiration of the task to reconstruct a facsimile of Alexander Mack. The Brethren Home Missions Council obtained permission from the supervisor of the camp to photograph these murals. Permission was also granted from Mr. Neher to use these as a back-



Rev. Lester E. Pifer (left), executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, made arrangements to have Alexander Mack's portrait included in the gallery.



Dr. Harold Henniger, pastor of the Canton Baptist Temple, originated the idea of a Christian Hall of Fame. In the background is a portrait of Dr. Charles Fuller.

ground to paint a new portrait. None of Mr. Neher's paintings had a face view of Mack. Mrs. Shirley Henley, head of the art department of Tennessee Temple Schools was chosen as the artist. The oil painting is two feet by three feet and will be mounted along with the inscription on a beautiful red velvet background. The portrait will be dedicated along with ten others on Easter Sunday morning.

Dr. Harold Henniger, the energetic pastor of this growing church, is a first cousin and stepbrother of Rev. Lester E. Pifer, the executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, which has sponsored the project. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., church historian for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, has written the inscription. The Brethren Home Missions Council accepts full responsibility for the production and authorization of the portrait. This organization, the church extension and home-mission department, continues the efforts started so many years ago by Mack to build Bible-believing, missionary-minded churches throughout this land of America.

We Ran into Marahs and Elims

By John S. Neely
Eastern
Messianic Testimony

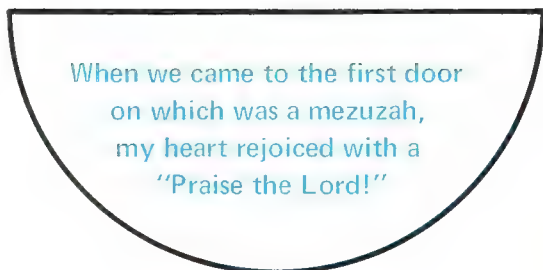


As we watched the moving van pull away with our household furnishings from the missionary residence in Los Angeles, it was only natural for us to wonder what the final destination would be in the Hatboro, Pennsylvania, area for we had no forwarding address. I suppose we felt a little like Abram when he left Ur of the Chaldees by faith, and realized like Moses that we would experience difficulties in leading our Jewish friends out of the bondage of sin and the enslavery to traditions. How comforting it was to know that like Joshua we could expect victories in the strength of our Lord of Hosts.

We wish we could say that the transition to the East was a smooth one, but we cannot. We were to have our Marahs (Exod. 15:23). Never have we seen so many distressing, inexplicable, indescribable, unthinkable (I am running out of adjectives) blunders, roadblocks and headaches which seemed to plague us. May I cite a "for instance"—like the mixup on our insurance policies when we made a simple request for a transfer to our new address. Suddenly we were to find that

we were possessors of an old truck instead of our Pontiac station wagon. With another insurance company, we became holders of two different policies on the same household effects. The time consumed in the business of just getting settled is unimaginable! Add to this the delays in receiving our literature and printing requirements totaled up to one big headache. Yes, we had our Marahs, but we praise God that the benefits of the cross of Christ sweetened the experience (Exod. 15:25).

Before we moved to the East, we knew how difficult it would be to find an apartment at the price level we desired, for this type of housing was as scarce as a snowball at a Sunday-school picnic in Florida during the month of July. We had learned this on our Eastern itineration swing early in the summer—it was a "don't you call me; I'll call you" situation. After fruitless searching, we turned to the apartment area we had accidentally (?) discovered one day back in the early summer when I made a wrong (?) turn. Somehow I do not think it was "accidental" or a "wrong turn." Now, three months later on this September



day, we were to make this our last stop. It was early in the evening. It was the same manager with the same answer, "We don't have a thing." I must have looked very sad for as I turned to go away, the lady called after me with a "come back tomorrow—a four-room apartment might be available" encouragement. Our stocks soared—dared we hope so much?

Our bubble of joy deflated slowly after repeated attempts were made the next day to get the manager to answer her door. After our last disappointing return, we went back to our car and I prayed again, pressed to give her until 3 p.m. If she did not return by then, I would take this as a closed door. The zero hour approached. As I turned the key in the ignition and put my hand down to release the brake, I heard a women's voice remarking that she had seen our note and that when she had looked out, had recognized our car. It was the manager. It was precisely 3 p.m.!

However, our spirits were to sink when she informed us that there was no four-room apartment available; would we take a three-room apartment until a larger one opened on January

1, 1971? It was a port in the storm—we took it! The address was Diplomat Apartments, Apartment D-1, 1 Madison Avenue, Warminster, Pennsylvania, about one mile from our Hatboro church. Since our furniture had not arrived in the area we would have no storage problem and a \$200 handling charge would be eliminated for which we praised the Lord. (We were to learn that the rig driven by Tony, which pulled the van, had motor trouble in El Paso, Texas, which caused the delay.) Now I wouldn't say the Lord caused the "unfortunate-for-Tony" delay, but it is a thought, isn't it? So into our Marahs the benefits of the cross were being dipped, and we would be soon on our way to our Elims (Exod. 15:27).

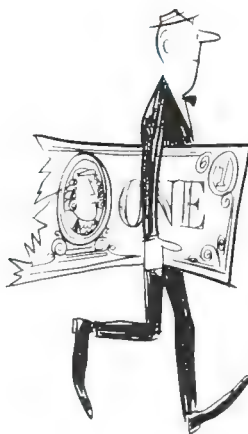
As we look at it on the human level, those two months at D-1 were harrowing. We now live in a pleasant four-room apartment which is ample and functional. You might have laughed when you saw that big change of address in the *Herald*, "D-1 to A-1," but it was no laughing matter for the Neelys—if it was, we were laughing with tears in our optics. Think of living in three rooms with four rooms

of furniture, bookcases, a large library of books, business equipment and supplies, cartons around the walls, in the closets, and with makeshift covering on part of the floors. Our file cabinet was located in the bathroom closet. All of this was hard on the eyes and harder on the nerves. But tribulations, the Marahs, work patience and the "peaceable fruits of righteousness," the Elims, which follow when the Lord and the cross are in the experience. We must have needed a deeper lesson in patience for that is what is necessary in Jewish evangelism.

Now we are realizing our Elims. The most refreshing of all was when we started our door-to-door calling after our literature and printing requirements were received. When we came to the door on which was a mezuzah which indicates a Jewish home, my heart rejoiced with a "Praise the Lord." I believe this emotion can be best expressed in the statement of our own Phil Cariaga, who assists in our Western work, "These are my people." It is our desire that every Brethren would possess this love in the outreach to our Jewish friends for Christ.

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Church News

DAYTON, OHIO. Something new and profitable has been initiated at North Riverdale Brethren Church in which those interested are given the privilege of attending a study class. The students study Theology, Brethren Distinctives, Church History including the history of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The first class graduated Feb. 14 and as a result of the class, 11 new members have been added to the membership. John Talley, pastor.

PALMYRA, PA. "There is a growing zeal of the people here to see the Lord's work move forward, and your prayers are requested as we begin to look for land on which to build a new edifice. We are praising the Lord for the seven who were baptized on Feb. 14." Arthur Frank, pastor.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. According to Pastor Dale Hostetler there is cause for rejoicing as God's grace is manifested in various ways in this church. A teen-age girl gave her life for missions in response to the ministry of Rev. Duke Wallace, there was one public confession of Christ as Saviour, one rededication of life, and six who are waiting baptism and church membership.

AT YOUR SERVICE—for all of your Sunday-school needs! Pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and secretaries feel free to phone or write to Mrs. Joyce Durkee at the Missionary Herald for needed information. She will be glad to assist you with any questions or problems that you may have . . . if you phone, the number to call is 219-267-7158. Mail may be addressed to Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. The Brethren Missionary Herald is presently supplying Brethren churches with materials from Gospel Light, Scripture Press, Union Gospel Press, David C. Cook and Standard Publishing. You pay no more by ordering through the Herald Company.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. The Grace Brethren Church is praising the Lord for sending Rev. Jacob Weirich to labor with them in this field of service. The address for Pastor Weirich is: 124 San Fidel, N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87107.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. A review of the past 16 months revealed the following: 37 new members added—26 by baptism. The church has been endeavoring to pay extra each month on its loan, and has paid \$10,000 on the loan during this time. Recently the church voted to establish a project fund for new choir robes and in two weeks the cost was underwritten by classes, organizations, families and individuals. Pastor Kenneth Teague concludes his news letter with these words: "We give God the glory for these spiritual victories."

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The Northwest District Conference met on Feb. 17-19 and elected the following officers: Moderator, Donald Farner; Vice moderator, Nelson Hall; Secretary, Mrs. George Christie; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. William Shelby; Statistician, Kenneth Belles; Treasurer, Soren Jensen. Rev. Charles Turner, executive editor and general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company was the conference Bible speaker.

ROANOKE, VA. Rev. Dayton Cundiff has resigned as pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, effective May 16. Future plans for Pastor Cundiff are indefinite.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The recent 60th Wedding Anniversary was a joyous occasion for Mr. and Mrs. George Shoop as their friends helped them celebrate with an open house at the Carl Shoops. George and Sarah are longtime Brethren having joined the Brethren Church many years ago in Pennsylvania before moving to California. Richard Cron, pastor.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. Age does not necessarily mean inactivity as is being proved by the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church. According to Pastor Keith Zook this church is the oldest Brethren church in Iowa and the fifth oldest Brethren church in the United States. (The 90th anniversary was celebrated in November with Dr. Russell Barnard as special speaker.) An evidence of activity of the members is seen in the transformation that has taken place in the main auditorium of the church which has been completely remodeled, and the kitchen has also had a "face-lifting." Plans for the future include the addition of several rooms to the parsonage. Keith Zook, pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. A warm welcome was given to the Donald Carters as they returned to Glendale. Pastor Carter was the first full-time pastor here after Rev. Arthur Cashman pioneered the work in the early thirties. Rev. Donald Carter is now acting as an interim pastor on a part-time basis. James Martin, church clerk.

WINONA LAKE BIBLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE

The special insert in the center of this issue contains information and schedules for the Winona Lake Bible Conference of 1971. If you remove the staples and refold it so the heavy black lines form a "W," you will be able to follow the program and schedules in the proper order.

An outstanding schedule of speakers and conferences is planned for this year. You'll want to make it a "must" to attend the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Aug. 6-13, as well as other outstanding meetings and conferences.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Washington, Pa.	Mar. 21-28	Shimer Darr	Mason Cooper
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	Mar. 28-Apr. 2	Gerald Teeter	Allen Herr
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	Mar. 28-Apr. 4	Wesley Haller	Mark Malles
Waynesboro, Pa.	Apr. 4-11	Wendell Kent	Allen Herr
Fremont, Ohio	Apr. 4-9	Ward Tressler	Nathan Meyer
Berne, Ind.	Apr. 11-16	No Pastor	Nathan Meyer
Hollins, Va.	Apr. 11-18	Ron Thompson	Dean Fetterhoff

ROANOKE, VA. "What's happening to youth in the evangelical churches today? Do they turn off religion as being part of their parents' heritage or do they carry on activity in their congregations simply because they are under their elders' thumbs? Is their knowledge of the Bible only skin deep?" These are questions posed in an article by Frances Stebbins, religion writer for a daily newspaper, *The World-News*, Roanoke, Va. Miss Stebbins was one of the judges at a district youth rally for Brethren youth at the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Hollins, Va. The featured speaker for the rally was the former Lieutenant Ed Jackson who was a member of the Ohio State Police force for twenty-two years, presently the Executive Secretary of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men. As Miss Stebbins wrote her report for the Roanoke newspaper she entitled her story: "Youths Still Regard Religion As Relevant."

CAMP ID-RA-HA-JE, Pine, Colo., was the site of the Midwest District youth snow camp—Dec. 30 through Jan. 1. Nearly 50 campers converged on the nearly snow-less camp. However, they tobogganed, skied and "tubed" at nearby Geneva Basin. Sammy Pacheco of Taos and Carol Ogden of Denver were chosen the Snow King and Queen. The plans for next year include renting the lodge for additional days with a goal of 100 campers from the district. Some came as far as 400 miles this year. Thomas Inman, pastor.

LANSING, MICH. Having resigned the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Randall Poyner is now available for pulpit supply and ministry in musical evangelism.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Some news items gleaned from the happenings at the Grace Brethren Church included the following: "Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brenneman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in December with many of the friends of the church and community extending sincere congratulations and well wishes. The missionary offering goal for the year 1970 was set for \$3,500 and for the fifth consecutive year we have gone over the goal. Our goal for 1971 has been set for \$4,000. During the past year we had eight new additions to the church membership with five of these being adults. There were 11 first-time decisions. We thank the Lord for His blessings and trust Him to be our guide throughout this new year." Roy Kreimes, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. At a recent business meeting of the First Brethren Church the resignation of Mrs. F. E. Simmons was accepted with reluctance and regret. Mrs. Simmons served for 35 years as organist and choir director. Sincere thanks is given to God for this faithful servant. The music committee has asked Miss Jacqueline Merrick to assume the duties of organist and choir director. Charles Thornton, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Shoemaker, 2251 Knoxville St., Long Beach, Calif. 90815. The correct address zip code for Rev. Russell Williams is 95826. Please change *Annual*. On page 38 of *The Brethren Annual* the addresses of Rev. Nelson Fay and Rev. Solon Hoyt should be as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Fay, Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerite, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A. Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, Estanislao del Campo 1377, Ramos Mejia, F.C.D.F.S., Argentina, S.A.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CLEAVER, Miss Susan, went home to be with the Lord Feb. 8. She was a faithful teacher in the First Brethren Church of Washington, D.C., as long as 50 years ago, and will be remembered especially as the teacher of a class of lively boys—boys who now are men working faithfully for the Lord in the church. Charles Thornton, pastor.

MYERS, William S. 50, was ushered into the presence of his Lord after an auto accident on Feb. 20. He was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Dr. E. William Male, interim pastor.

PHILLIPS, Sylvia, went to be with the Lord Feb. 9. She was baptized by trine immersion at 82 years of age and became a member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. Robert Holmes, pastor.

RICE, Earl, 57, was loosed away upward on Feb. 11, after years of suffering from a heart condition. He had been a vice moderator of the Reading Brethren Church of Stoystown, Pa., and in recent years had been affiliated with the Listie Brethren Church. Both his former pastor at Reading, Rev. Arthur Collins, and his present pastor at Listie, Rev. Fred Walter, officiated at the funeral service on Feb. 14.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

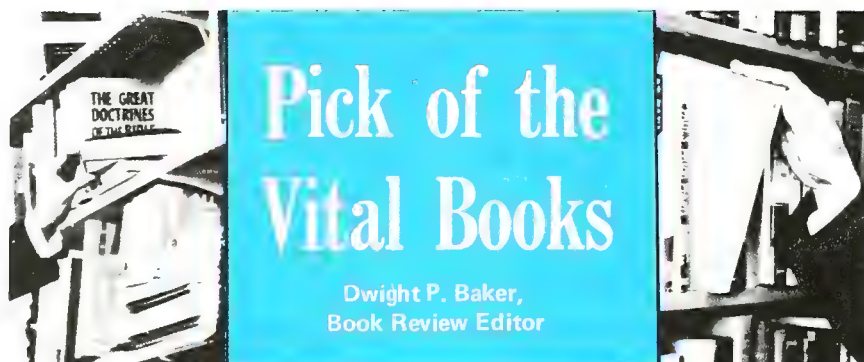
Andrea Fowler and Roy Halberg, July 17, 1970, First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

Ardyth Lois Miller and Lieutenant Vernon Hallock, Dec. 19, 1970, Forcey Memorial Church, Wash. D.C.

Pat Frank and Barry Bender, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

Cynthia Wise and Robert D. Malone, Sept. 5, 1970, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa.

(Editor's note: Mr. Malone's name was incorrectly listed as William Malone in a previous issue.)



The Bible Reader: An Interfaith Interpretation

Walter M. Abbott and others (New York: Bruce Books, 1969), xxiv and 995 pages, paper, \$3.95.

The Bible Reader is a very extensive selection of Biblical passages accompanied by notes which are both explanatory and illustrative in nature. The notes attempt to explain and illustrate not just the meaning of the passages themselves but the uses made of them by Judaism, Roman Catholicism, and Protestantism.

A committee of four Biblical scholars—one Roman Catholic, two Protestant, and one Jewish—began work on *The Bible Reader* in 1962, before the Supreme Court decision outlawing devotional Bible readings in public schools, but their intention fitted in admirably with the situation resulting from that decision. Many important questions are raised, of course, by the attempt of public school teachers to conduct "study of the Bible or of religion, presented objectively as part of a secular program of education" (to quote the Supreme Court, as it defined the permissible approach to religion in the schools). The fact remains that such attempts are being made, and productions like *The Bible Reader* are the kind of material teachers will choose for the task.

Considering its source and the function for which it is designed, *The Bible Reader* must be rated high in accomplishment. Every evangelical reader can find much to disagree with, as in many places unacceptable interpretations are stated without recognition of any exception. In other cases divergent viewpoints are acknowledged, but none satisfactory to con-

servative Protestants is stated; and on a few very controversial passages (for example, the sin of Onan in Genesis 38) no interpretation at all is ventured.

Nevertheless, at a number of important points conservative dissent is recognized, as on the unity of Isaiah. The aspect of *The Bible Reader* which most recommends it, however, is its tremendous richness of detail on the religious and artistic traditions of Western civilization, a richness which cannot be explained in a brief review. To hold the price down, no pictorial illustrations are included, but many references to artistic and musical creations based on scriptural passages are introduced. Excellent archaeological and philological information relating to many passages also enriches the volume.

The Revised Standard Version, the Confraternity Version, and two translations from the Jewish Publication Society are used for the Biblical text in different places, and the entire book is well written. It will doubtless prove very useful for public school teachers, and it would be a valuable educational addition to any mature Christian's library.—John A. Renick, Park City, Illinois

The Cutting Edge: Vol. II

H. C. Brown, Jr., compiler (Waco: Word, 1969), 130 pages, \$4.95.

H. C. Brown has compiled a very challenging work on crucial social and personal issues of the day that present

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a real challenge to Christians, especially to pastors who have stayed mainly in the middle of the road.

The book contains fourteen sermon-length chapters written by twelve authors dealing with capital punishment, the sex revolution, divorce, the new morality, obesity, gambling, the church-state controversy, the Christian's role in politics, alcohol in a complex society, the medical verdict on smoking, the crisis in the institutional church, and the moral crisis in the United States. It is well written, has a good bibliography, and is generally supported by Scripture references and data.

Two crucial questions form the center of the discussion: (1) What is the Christian's responsibility to these social and personal issues? (2) Should today's Christian "get involved" with the moral and social agonies of contemporary society?

The suggestion given is "yes." God and faith cannot be confined within the walls of the church. The church must move out into the world where the action is. Once you get by the first chapter on capital punishment, which is not indicative of the tone of the book, you should be challenged and moved to some definite decisions in your own life. Pastors, Christian leaders, and teachers should benefit greatly from reading it.—Clair D. Brubaker, Akron, Ohio

Alone at High Noon

Emile Cailliet (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971), 94 pages, \$2.95.

Modern man lives with an eerie sense of aloneness. At the deepest level, man finds himself cut off from meaning and truth, and from this springs his profound unease. "He who consciously or unconsciously has chosen to ignore God is an orphan in the universe, that is, in God's creation. It is only natural that he should feel lonely to the point of dejection."

Alone at High Noon has some good notes; but it is still a skimpy volume. "Solitude" recurs frequently; it is a key word. Unfortunately, it is also misused, which becomes disconcerting.

But there can be no quarrel with Cailliet's diagnosis of man's central ill or his prescription for it: Walk the return path trod by the Prodigal Son.

After returning from Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Rempel were determined to help the missionaries. This led to . . .

Operation Fruit for Africa

It is an inspiration to meet our foreign missionaries, to hear them speak, or even to read mail from them, but it is far more exciting to set foot on foreign soil, and there meet our missionary workers right out on the field. We, Henry and Helen Rempel, had just such an experience not so long ago. A lifelong dream became a reality, when we were allowed to travel abroad and meet our Christian workers in the following lands: Hawaii, Germany, France, and in the Central African Republic.

The Wayne Beavers were our host and hostess while visiting in Africa. Many and varied were the experiences during our stay in that land. We had not been with our missionaries very long when several project possibilities presented themselves to us. The one we favored most was: "Fruit For Africa." True, they grow fruit in the C.A.R. but most of it does not lend itself to preservation. Of course, our missionaries can buy fruit in Africa, on the open market, at about four (American) prices. Well, our burden was so great that we determined then and there, the Lord willing, we would see what could be done. We had not been home a week, until we were ready to head for the Northwest to start our project. Here follows the story.

In late July we left for Yakima, Washington. It did not take long to set the machinery in operation for the canning project, and we soon had organized several picking and canning crews. Each team had a captain, and upon alerting him, we soon had many hands—either picking or canning fruit.

During Sundays and on Wednesday nights, we were busy speaking in the churches of the area, presenting the story of our missions. Offerings were received, and the Lord graciously sent in enough funds to cover costs of canning and shipping.



A portion of the 612 gallons of fruit sent to Africa.

It was thrilling to quickly find so many who were willing to lend a helping hand. In a few weeks we had 612 gallons of fruit canned and cased. All the fruit, and all labor was donated. We had been instructed to crate all the cases of fruit in strong wooden crates. Upon contacting a lumber mill in Yakima, we found the management willing to donate the necessary lumber. Men from the Northwest churches joined our evening crew to construct and nail up the crates. In due time a dear brother came with his truck, and loaded the fifty-four crates and hauled them to the shipping dock in Tacoma, Washington, from where the cargo was shipped. At this writing the shipment is out on the high seas.

The shipment of 612 gallons contains the following: cherries, plums, pears, apricots, peaches and applesauce. One church provided four dozen cans of sweet pickles, which will lend spice and variety to the project. As for the peaches, they were provided by the members of the La Loma Grace

Brethren Church of Modesto, California.

Many churches and individuals were involved in this "Labor of Love." Time and space does not allow them to be mentioned by name, but we do take this occasion to thank them one and all for their generosity.

Much prayer went into this undertaking, and the Lord answered and provided far beyond our fondest dreams. Let all who helped in any way be assured that our Heavenly Father will richly compensate for all that was accomplished.

We feel certain that our missionaries in the C.A.R. will greatly enjoy this special treat. Furthermore, let it be remembered that the entire project betokens the fact that the Brethren here in the homeland love and appreciate our missionaries. All the work was done willingly for the blessing and edification of our ambassadors out on the mission field.

*—Henry and Helen Rempel
Bell, California*

Alexander Mack and the Brethren

On the human side, Alexander Mack, perhaps more than any other, is responsible for the existence of the Brethren Church, though if it could be left to him he would disclaim this honor. In 1708, this man along with seven others inaugurated a new movement, later known as the Brethren movement.

This was a separation from the general Protestant movements in Central Europe and one which widened the gap from Roman Catholicism. Almost immediately this little group of believers experienced persecution and was forced to flee to Holland. But even there they could not find a haven of rest, so they fled to England and shortly thereafter sought refuge in the New World.

They settled first in and around Philadelphia, and from there spread westward and southward across America. Four segments of Brethren have originated from that original group, the largest of which is known today as the Church of the Brethren. There is an Old Order group that split off early in the nineteenth century. In 1882, the Brethren Church came into existence within which there are two divisions today: The General Conference of the Brethren Church whose headquarters are in Ashland, Ohio; and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, with headquarters located at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Four things that characterized professing Christendom of that day in Central Europe provided the reasons for starting this new movement: Revelation, Organization, Salvation, Sanctification.

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

Mack believed that the objective source of divine revelation was the inspired Scriptures. In this respect, he was the beneficiary of the work of Luther and Calvin. In his effort to be true to the Scriptures, he could not help but see that many Protestant movements had not quite freed themselves from the traditions of Catholicism. This impelled him to make a further move away from traditionalism in the direction of the Bible. In the course of the years this principle has finally developed the motto used by the Brethren Church: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

Another belief was that the Scriptures clearly taught the separation of church from state. For more than a thousand years Roman Catholicism had been perpetuating and practicing the union of church and state, and as a result exercised temporal as well as spiritual control over men. The Protestant Reformation did not alter this greatly at the outset. There developed the great state churches that were intimately tied in with the state. More-

over, these state churches also developed hierarchical organizations, so that no individual congregation was supreme in its own affairs.

Following Mack's convictions derived from the study of the Scriptures, the new movement sought separation from the state, and also incorporated the Biblical concept of congregational government. Since the trends of that day and to the present time have been in the direction of the centralization of authority and the subjugation of the congregation, constant vigilance has been exercised by the followers of Alexander Mack. It was this issue, perhaps more than any other, that brought about the split in 1882. When the Brethren Church was chartered there was only one article of the Christian faith that was spelled out in the charter, now on file in Columbus, Ohio, and that was congregational government.

Roman Catholicism clearly predicted salvation on the performance of works. It was this principle and practice that caused Luther to break with the Catholic Church. Both Luther and Calvin, and others came to realize through the study of the Scriptures apart from tradition that salvation was by grace through faith. But even their movements did not quite divest them-

selves of this atmosphere that had developed over the preceding millennium. Obviously, this issue centered in the problem of human responsibility and divine sovereignty. Mack went further, believing that salvation is of the Lord apart from any human works.

Even though this is the way the Brethren movement began, it has been necessary through the years to make a special effort to keep this fact clearly before the people who have joined the Brethren movement. One schism after another has developed as a result. The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches exists today because of this. And this is especially true of Grace Schools. The very name "Grace" pinpoints the issue that made it necessary

to start the school. Examination of literature explaining the reason for starting Grace Theological Seminary will make it clear that men felt it necessary to maintain the original principles of Alexander Mack which were vested in the Scriptures.

Alexander Mack and his associates became painfully aware from their study of the Scriptures that professing Christendom, even in the Protestant movement, though making a great profession on the point of purity of doctrine, sadly lacked purity of life. He and his colleagues could not divest themselves from the truth of the Scriptures as taught in James that "faith without works is dead." So these believers set out to organize a movement that would lay a proper emphasis on

purity of life.

In this respect they became a part of the Pietistic Movement that swept through Europe and England as a sort of counter reformation. Such groups as the Mennonites, the Moravians, and the Quakers were also a part of this movement. It is interesting to note that the Brethren have followed this principle with varying degrees of emphasis through the years, and it is clearly an emphasis in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and also an emphasis in Grace Schools.

Profession without practice has earned the contempt of the world and will merit the judgment of God. But purity of life as the outgrowth of true doctrine brings the approval of the Lord and adorns the gospel of Christ.

The chaplain used to be called . . .

The Keeper of the Cloak

"Good morning, I am the chaplain for Grace Schools," was a statement made for the first time this fall when the new freshmen class began their orientation. The person who said it has been saying it for some years but to those who heard this on a September morning it was brand new. To these new students and even to the returning upperclassmen, there was a question of just what kind of a "thing" is this new addition to the school staff. Perhaps others have had questions concerning the need and purpose of a man to serve in the capacity of a chaplain.

Tradition says that the term "chaplain" comes from an incident in the life of St. Martin, of France. Early in the life of St. Martin, he was a soldier and was known as Martin of Tours. During a winter battle, he and his men passed a poor beggar who shivered in the bitter cold. All passed him except Martin, who stopped, took off his heavy cloak and parted it with his sword. He gave one half to the beggar and he threw the other half around his shoulders. During that night he saw a vision of Christ holding the beggar's half of the cloak. He was so moved

By Chaplain Lee Jenkins
Director of Christian Service
Grace Schools

that he gave himself to the ministry of Christ. The cloak of Martin of Tours became a relic of great tradition among the soldiers of France. It held a place of honor, and a soldier was placed as guardian of the cloak. He was called the chaplain. Today the chaplain still is the keeper of the cloak, the cloak of righteousness which covers those shivering from sin but now covered by the righteousness of Christ. The chaplain at Grace is just that, the keeper of the faith for those who are here.

The fact that the chaplain is the keeper of the faith does not imply that there are those who would destroy it from within the structure of Grace Schools. Instead, the chaplain stands alongside all of the Christ-centered teachers and administrators who also are keepers of the faith. Perhaps the peculiarity of his concern would be the role of campus pastor.

It has been felt for some time there needed to be someone to whom stu-

dents could go for most anything they wanted to say or express. Someone who could listen with understanding and yet keep the trust of confidence. Someone who would assist in the Christian Service activities of students and provide opportunities for such Christian service. Thus embodied in the term of "chaplain," there is now one who fulfills that position.

Perhaps you have a son or daughter here at Grace Schools. How are you affected? The chaplain can be your contact with either the student or the faculty. This does not mean to imply he takes the role of a detective, but one who can also in confidence assist you in matters that concern you.

Like anything new, the role of the chaplain at Grace will change and grow with time. Also it will become more effective as students and chaplain integrate each other's purpose and needs. Let's hope that next fall, if the Lord should allow, the newness of the statement, "I am the chaplain," will be lessened by the fact that his job will be known and upperclassmen will have experienced the ministry of the one who is obligated to be the "keeper of the cloak."

Music Major Isn't

"It doesn't take brains to be a music major. You waste half of your life practicing when you could be playing basketball or football and doing something worthwhile. Music just isn't worth all of that practicing."

Those are just a few of the opinions I used to have. I played the piano, but football was a lot more fun. I played the trombone, but practicing was too boring. So I reasoned—until I was exposed to the Grace College music department.

Being a Creative Studies major, I am required to take a few music courses. I put them off as long as I could, figuring that music, when it does not involve practicing, is easy, and that a "gravy" course like Introduction to Music Theory would make my senior year somewhat more enjoyable.

All of my ideas proved to be false. A quiz from Prof. Roland Felts involved the sweating of blood, weeping,

wailing and gnashing of teeth. Prayer, fasting and supplication also played a major role in passing the course.

When the course was over, I awoke to the fact that I had developed a greater appreciation for the department. Music is hard. Practicing is important. But a lot more is involved in the development of a musician. My little taste of music led me to find out more about the department. Here are some of the results.

There are twenty-six upperclassmen registered as music majors, and about twenty freshmen are considering the field. The number of music majors did not sound impressive until I discovered the department's massive output. The college has six basic musical groups. These are the brass choir, the concert choir, the mixed octet, the woodwind ensemble, the string ensemble, and the college-community concert band. Some of these groups are subdivided into smaller groups such as the brass

quartet, the trumpet trio, the clarinet choir and the saxophone quartet.

Participation in these groups is open to the student body. That is, any student with competent ability can get involved in the department's activities. The department also offers private instruction in the form of applied music courses. Instruction is given in keyboard, voice and orchestral instruments. More than 160 students are taking lessons this semester.

The college-community concert band gives four concerts each year. The concert choir and the brass choir also participate in these events and, in addition, take a two-week tour each spring. Weekend engagements provide additional opportunities for performances by the choirs and ensembles.



navy at Grace

By Rick Glass
Senior, Grace College

Gospel teams are another outlet for a student's talent. The brass choir is actively involved in this type of work. The Crusaders, a group of ten men who toured the United States last summer, currently spend their weekends in churches throughout Indiana and the surrounding states. The Conquerors, a mixed quartet; and The Reason, a male trio; are other active gospel teams.

Students are also involved in departmental recitals. Music professors select outstanding students to give recitals at the end of each semester. Seniors in the department give recitals to meet graduation requirements. Informal recitals are also held to provide extra opportunities to perform.

Many area churches tap the talent of the department. If a church is in need of special music, a choir director, a song leader or enough music for an entire service—the music department can provide the personnel.

Much of the department's excellence lies in its professors. Professor Donald Ogden serves as chairman of the department and is an instructor in church music, choral music and music

appreciation. Mr. Jerry Franks teaches brass, percussion and music education. Dr. Vance Yoder teaches organ, piano and music education. Mr. Roland Felts is instructor in voice, music theory, music history and literature. Mrs. Felts, his wife, teaches piano and music theory. In addition to these professors, the department also employs five part-time instructors. These teach in the areas of voice, piano, strings, woodwinds and classical guitar.

I found all of these facts enlightening, but even more intriguing are the goals and purposes of the department and its professors. A student in the music department is either a music education major or a church music major. A church music major either plans on making church music his profession and means of support or goes on to seminary with the hopes of supplementing his ministry with his musical abilities. Many church music majors find that most churches cannot afford a full-time minister of music, therefore, they turn to Christian Education as a means of support.

The goal of the music education major is certification to teach in the

public school or the Christian Day School. Professors encourage their students to serve as music directors on either a volunteer or part-time basis in their local church in addition to their teaching. Mr. Franks and other instructors encourage the music education majors to take positions in Christian Day Schools and use their training to build a competent music education program.

I asked Professor Ogden to sum up his feelings about the Grace music department and he summed up mine as well. "I'm proud of the staff and I'm proud of their dedication to the purposes and ideals of the school. I am also proud of their high degree of competence in specialized areas. I believe this competence is reflected in the enthusiasm of the students in the program. The growth of the department has been excellent and prospects for expansion in the future are good."

GMA



GRACE STUDENTS GO TO PRISON

Thirty-one Grace College students and two faculty members were securely locked up in the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana, on Wednesday, February 3—but were released the same day. No charges were filed however, but words of appreciation and commendation were given for their conduct and performance.

This was a voluntary imprisonment by the Grace College Jail Team led by Myron Jones and the Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Franks.

More than 600 enthusiastic and appreciative prisoners enjoyed the hour-long concert highlighted with trumpet solos by Mr. Franks and a drum solo by Frank Bowman.

Ron Henry, director of admissions, who emceed the program, along with the choir members, emphasized the fact that they were there representing their Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sacred selections by the Brass Choir, along with favorite hymns sung by the prisoners under the leadership of Don Bechtel, were followed by personal testimonies by Gary Koch-

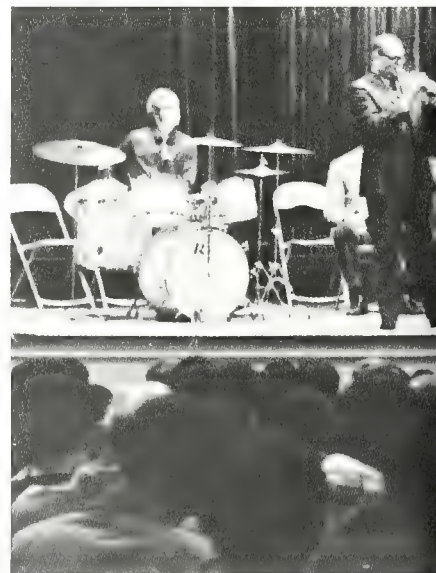


heiser and Gary Gnagey. Mr. Henry closed the service with a clear-cut gospel message, challenging each prisoner to accept Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord.

Prisoners were very responsive and Chaplain Russell Daubert of the Indiana State Prison expects many of the men to seek his counsel. He said, "they will be talking about this program for a long time to come." Guards, too, expressed appreciation for the program.

Upon admission to the prison, in addition to signing the register, all musical instruments and cases were searched as a part of the necessary security measures.

On a tour of the prison the students saw the cell houses, death row, and the





Thirty-one men from the Grace College Jail Team and Brass Choir made the trip.

electric chair—the more unpleasant sights. They also visited the factories and shops where some of the prisoners are employed, producing among other things, the Indiana State license plates.

Following a chicken dinner (served to the visitors) in the “officers dining room,” Chaplain Daubert explained the many facets of his prison work, in which he has complete freedom to carry on his evangelical, Bible-based ministry, which includes a voluntary prayer group started at the prisoners’ request.

As one student observed, “all of this we saw within the boundary of four huge walls which are watched over continually by armed prison guards.” To be locked up in prison was a sobering experience for these young men. It was great to be out again.

Jerry Franks and the Brass Choir were featured on the program.

The tremendous needs of the men in the Indiana State Prison (where one out of every three is a lifer) are reflected in some excerpts from a letter written by an inmate to the Brass Choir.

A PRISONER'S REPLY

“This is a pretty tough audience to which to ‘sell’ any package of goods. We have heard and participated in a good many con games. Our present environment is a warehouse of broken promises, divorces, frustrations and just plain bitterness shown to each other.

“We enjoyed your music. This was easy, for it was good . . . We also ‘listened’ to your messages and this is important . . . when your speakers began, I expected some rather uncomplimentary remarks concerning the hereafter and our chances for salvation!

“I was amazed when speaker number one was tolerated, and speaker number two almost quieted the hall, and your fine MC was hosted to a ‘quiet and attentive’ audience. All three speakers were good and complimented each other setting up the audience to listen. Even the hardest cynics, and there were some dillies sitting near me, listened.

“I’m a Catholic, but I’m not working too hard at it . . . It kinda builds up and I go to Mass. The past ten years haven’t been too pleasant and old beliefs get tarnished. They are still there, just need a little attention to shine again. It was nice to have been nudged by you all. Thanks” (Writer’s name withheld.)

Editor’s note: We covet the regular prayers of our readers for the ministry of our jail team, the many music groups and teams, the personal work on university campuses by our Campus Crusaders, and many other varied ministries of students engaged in Christian Service.

Grace Grad Honored



Mrs. Fletcher is part of a team-teaching program at Madison Elementary School in Warsaw.

Mrs. Roland (Karen) Fletcher, a 1965 graduate of Grace College, was the recipient of the Outstanding Young Educator award presented by the Warsaw, Indiana, Jaycees at their annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet on February 8.

A second-grade instructor at Madison Elementary School in Warsaw, Mrs. Fletcher was judged on the basis of her academic preparation, classroom management, and community and religious activities.

In addition to her homeroom responsibilities, Mrs. Fletcher shares a large classroom with three other teachers and their pupils. A program known as "Positive Placement of Pupils" is followed, geared to each child's learning ability. Twelve levels of reading and four levels of math are pursued in a team-teaching situation, permitting closer individual supervision and instruction.

Mrs. Fletcher received her Master's Degree from Ball State University in

1967. Her husband, Roland, is an instructor and coach at Grace College.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum. Mr. Kriegbaum is dean of students at Grace and Mrs. Kriegbaum is a teacher in the Warsaw School system.

Later Mrs. Fletcher will enter competition with contestants from seven other Jaycee districts in the State of Indiana.

Three out of the four recipients of this special award in the Warsaw area, including Mrs. Fletcher, have been Grace College graduates.

First to receive the distinction in 1968, was Edwin Blue, principal of Washington Elementary School, a 1956 graduate.

In 1970, James Morrison, fourth-grade teacher in McKinley School and a 1958 graduate, was likewise honored.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.

Mom and Dad. . .

. . . we're planning a great Parents' Weekend for you. . .

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Ass't Director: Coach Roland Fletcher

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Cost: \$50.00 per week for tuition, insurance, room, board, etc.

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For boys — grades 4 through 8

Director: Coach Chet Kammerer

Ass't Director: Coach Roland Fletcher

Cost: \$65.00 per week for tuition, insurance, room, board, camp shirt, towels and awards

Four Weeks:

1st week: June 20-26

3rd week: July 18-24

2nd week: July 11-17

4th week: July 25-31

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(Two terms — earn up to 12 semester hours of credit)

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Cost: Registration — \$15.00 total for both terms or
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Tuition — \$30.00 per semester hour credit

Room and Board available:

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August 2 — 6

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Cost: Wives are encouraged to accompany husbands
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Registration for husbands — \$40.00

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Room and Board: To be arranged individually.
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For details: Write to Dr. Charles Henry, Psychology
Department, Grace College

Courses: Techniques of Counseling, Pre-Marriage and Marriage
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Doctrines to Personal Adjustment. Tentative: Psychological
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Staff: Prof. Donald Ogden, Director, and the faculty
of the Grace College Music Department

Cost: \$75.00 per person including registration,
tuition, room, board and social hours

Courses: (1) Graded choir program for the local church. (2)
Special lectures in church music. (3) Electives—two hours
(choice of one in each hour). **First hour:** Choral literature
reading, Instrumental literature reading or keyboard modulation.
Second hour: Rehearsals, for choir or instrumental ensembles.
(4) Alternate subjects for special lectures: Church music, equip-
ment, the evaluation of the Hymnal, church acoustics, and
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A certificate will be awarded for completion of the
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Dean of the Seminary

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Classes begin, Tuesday, June 1

Costs: Registration fee — \$10.00

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Courses: Greek Language—Elements I and II, Kingdom and the
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All courses will be for one term only except
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For details: Write to Dr. E. William Male, Grace
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Associate Professor of Physical Education at
Grace College, assisted by Miss Bedelia Weirick
of Manchester College

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and board in Alpha Hall, T-shirt, insurance and
other incidentals

Offering: Activities and games girls enjoy, including
swimming and water skiing

**For further information on any of these programs, write to the director of the program in
which you are interested in care of: Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590**

Choirs Prepare for Spring Tour

PROPOSED ITINERARIES, GRACE COLLEGE SPRING TOURS, 1971

BRASS CHOIR

Jerry Franks, Director

March 27	Indianapolis, Ind.—Joint concert at a school auditorium to be announced
March 28	Indianapolis, Ind. Place to be announced
March 29	Johnson City and Telford, Tenn. Grace Brethren, Vernon Brethren
March 30	Atlanta, Ga. Grace Brethren
March 31	St. Petersburg, Fla. Grace Brethren
April 1	Fort Myers, Fla. Grace Brethren Bible
April 2	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Grace Brethren
April 4	Okeechobee, Fla. (a.m.) Grace Brethren
	Maitland, Fla. (p.m.) Grace Brethren
April 5	Travel
April 6	Johnstown, Pa., Joint concert, Cochran Jr. High School Auditorium
April 7	Carmichaels, Pa. Greenvally Presbyterian
April 8	Uniontown, Pa. First Brethren
April 9	Columbus, Ohio, Joint concert, Grace Brethren
April 11	Sunrise, 6:45, Dayton, Ohio First Brethren
	Brookville, Ohio (a.m.) Grace Brethren
	Dayton, Ohio, Joint concert, Meadowdale High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m. (area churches cooperating)

CONCERT CHOIR

Don Ogden, Director

Indianapolis, Ind. Place to be announced
Ashland, Ohio Grace Brethren
Palmyra, Pa. Grace Brethren
Moorestown, N.J. Bible Protestant
Philadelphia, Pa. First Brethren
Lanham, Md. First Brethren of Washington, D.C.
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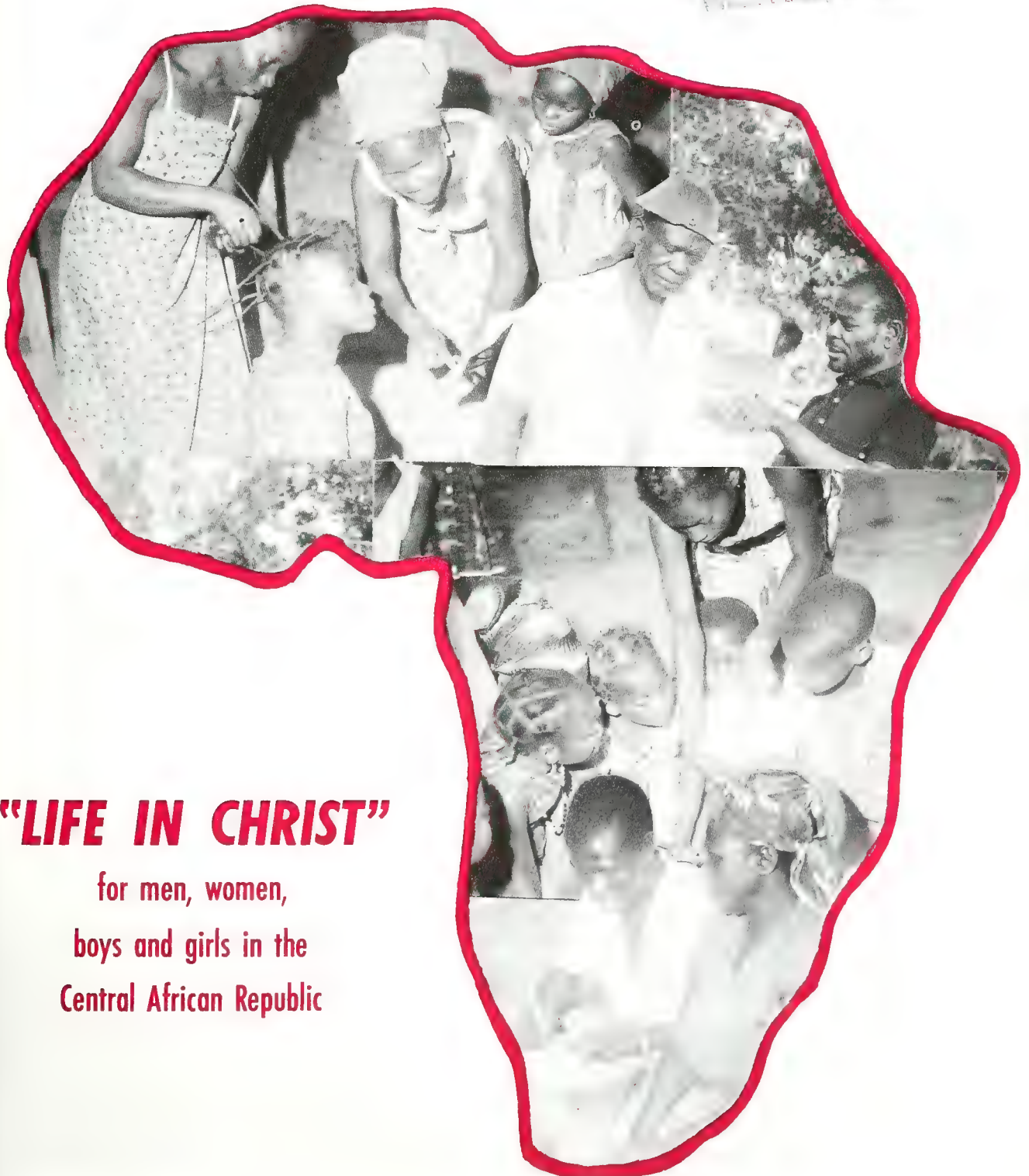


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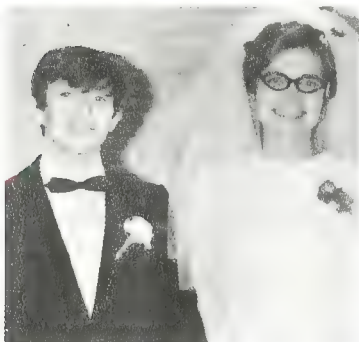
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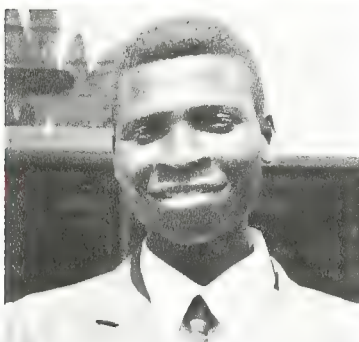
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Never do I cease to be amazed at how the Word of God disrupts my thought patterns. We all tend to fall into basic ways of viewing life and oftentimes unknowingly adopt certain philosophies regarding life. Let me illustrate it this way, in the natural order there is a tendency to follow the thought pattern that death follows life. We know this to be a fact because we see it in the realm of nature and in the lives of the people that are around us. Now if a person stays on that level of thinking, the natural level, he is going to miss one of the great truths that God has projected on the spiritual level.

Let me point to several Biblical illustrations that show the truth that death must precede life. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). Here Christ was talking about death coming before life. This is further set forth in a discussion of the Christian life by Paul when he said, "...by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14). Thus we are confronted with the truth that in order to find life there must be the matter of death to be faced. I am certain that for the child of God the greatest and highest form of life will be after death.

As a Christian we must someday pass through natural death to enter into the fullness of God's life (unless we are taken in the Rapture). When we are perfected in the Lord and become

Thoughts on Life from Death

Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

like Him we will find that death actually ushered us into life. A life so high and noble in nature that we find it very difficult to conceive of it with our limited human understanding. Were it not for the Word of God it would be all but impossible to grasp such a fact.

This leads us to ask a question, "What is this strange principle that death brings life?" It is a God-founded principle that can best be illustrated in the life and death of Jesus Christ. We are in the period of time on the calendar that reminds us of the death of Jesus Christ and His resurrection. In I Corinthians 15 we are told in clear clarion tones that life in resurrected form came from death and without it there is nothing to hope for in this world or the next. Religions of the world have had their delusive thoughts on this subject which have included varied ideas such as the Phoenix, and the Hindu with his hope of reincarnation. Their failure has resulted from their lack of power to bring these hopes to pass. In Christianity not only is the hope offered but the power is

supplied to see reality come from that hope.

Life from death becomes a positive truth because God can in a miraculous way transfer His life to ours. We can become "partakers of the divine nature" (read II Peter 1:4) and thus bring about a union of God with man. What a pity it is to have some people miss this great truth which is really the very heart of Christianity—God and man may have a spiritual union. This takes place when man yields by faith to a forgiving God and new life comes to pass, through a new birth. As the day of Easter comes and goes many shall join themselves with the church visible. This is good if there has been a union between them and God through salvation, but it is a disaster if the only union is on the organizational level.

Death preceding life is certainly another of the wonderful paradoxes our Lord reminds us of, and how appropriate at this Easter season. ☛

Souls, not cotton, are being harvested in the "Life in Christ" campaign. Everyone from college students to notorious tribal chiefs is responding to the gospel message.

Dry season has arrived in the Central African Republic! This means hot weather, clouds of dust, and cotton-buying time. It also means that in some areas people are not allowed on the roads; everyone is supposed to be in the gardens picking cotton. Mass evangelistic meetings in these areas will have to wait until next month following the cotton markets, when the people will have a period of rest after their year's work in the gardens.

However, for those who do not have to plant gardens, this month is proving to be an especially fruitful harvest time—not of cotton but of lost souls. This is high school and junior college month, and the National Committee of Evangelism asked the Steudlers to prepare tracts, along with a program of evangelism to reach as many of the *collegiens* as possible with the Gospel this month. Since Jean-Louis Steudler is director of the James Gribble Christian High School and Mrs. Steudler has been training student musical groups for several years, they have formed a very effective evangelistic team. In a weekend meeting at Bozoum, the local church was packed



Pastor-evangelist Maurice Molepo has accepted the invitation to hold evangelistic meetings for the Africa Inland Mission.

out with 700 junior college and high school students, among whom the Lord gave 170 first-time decisions. Another such meeting in the difficult Bossangoa area brought together 200 students in a two-day meeting. A weekend at Berberati found 600 young people present in the final meeting, and these saw 120 of their fellow students step forward to receive

Christ as their Saviour. The team was at M'Baiki this past week with just over 100 in attendance and 30 decisions. Next they go to the cities of Sibut, Grimari, and Bambari to hold meetings.

The national campaign has been in progress for almost nine months, and many phases of activity in the churches have been affected. The greatest of these has been the training and going forth of the Christians to testify to others. Especially has this been true in the Yaloke church. During the month when each Christian went forth to win three unsaved friends, the Christians there brought 245 people to a knowledge of the Lord and into the church. From September to December these new converts were carefully instructed in the Word, using materials especially prepared by the campaign literature committee for the use of the pastors, entitled, "What Is a Christian?" and "The Walk of the Christian." Last Sunday was the day of rejoicing as 162 of these new Christians were baptized at Yaloke. As the congregation sang and the School of Theology band played, five pastors entered the stream, and in unison baptized the 162 born-again ones, five at a time.

Facts about the "Life in Christ" campaign

- * Several evangelical missions are cooperating in the campaign, with the Brethren mission and Baptist Mid-Missions having the largest involvement. Brethren missionary Wayne Beaver is the overall coordinator.
- * Bible Literature International, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, has supplied many thousands of dollars to underwrite the printing of upwards of 3 million pieces of literature for the campaign.
- * The campaign began officially in May 1970, preceded by many months of preparation, and is culminating in April 1971 with a mass meeting in Bangui, the nation's capital.
- * For informative articles printed previously in Brethren publications, see the *Brethren Missionary Herald* issues of April 4 and December 12, 1970, and *Foreign Mission Echoes* for March 1970.
- * Two U.S. magazines, *BLI Crusader* and *Christian Life*, featured stories and pictures of the campaign in their February 1971 issues.
- * Amazing stories keep coming concerning the workings and outreach of the campaign. No doubt a book could well be written on all that is happening.

Harvest Time in CAR

In many parts of the country victories such as these are being won for the Lord. At Rafai, nurse Daniel Biesse had put the name of a notorious old chief on his "Three Friends" card. The chief was known for his hardness to the Gospel, although his home was located right near the mission. Several times Daniel went to speak with him, but the reply was always, "I'm not ready yet." One day he went hunting hippos in a nearby river and one of them bit him on the leg, piercing through to the bone. They rushed him to nurse Daniel, and this time the wicked old chief was ready, and made his decision for Christ.

Mary Ann Harris of the A.I.M. writes that "our people here are thrilled about the work the Lord has done through them in the campaign. Many who have never witnessed before have learned how to witness, and find real joy in doing so. There are over 20,000 refugees here in the M'Boki area, so visitation continues each week until we trust every road will be covered. We praise the Lord for giving you and the others the vision of the campaign. Only eternity will tell all that has been accomplished through it."

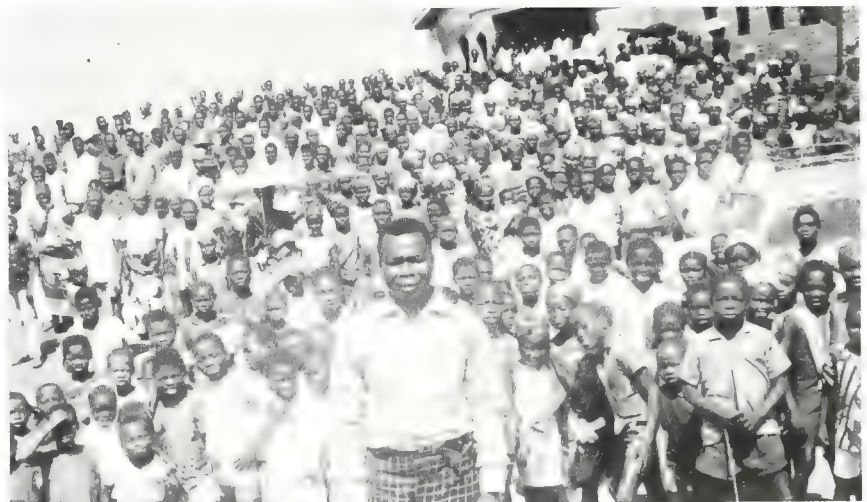
She also tells of Natana and his family of five. After the Arabs plundered his village in southern Sudan, they fled to the Congo and then to the C.A.R. Arriving in the dry season, they were helped with rations supplied by the United Nations. Upon seeing a tract of the "Two Ways" left by visiting Christians, Natana knew that they believed as he did. He walked over twenty kilometers to the church at M'Boki, and for nine Sundays in a row he was the first in Sunday school, radiant to find fellow Christians. He kept bringing people with him whom he had led to the Lord during the week. First, an old man, then his wife, then another entire family he had led to the Lord through the tract of the "Two Ways." Natana

has now felt led of the Lord to start services in his home for his family and his six new converts.

In the same letter Missionary Harris says: "Our churches here have asked that we write you for suggestions of someone who has the gift of evangelism and would be willing to come here for a series of meetings. Hopefully we'd like to have a small musical group prepared to accompany him. Perhaps he could hold meetings of three or four days in each center during the month of March." We are

happy to report that pastor/evangelist Maurice Molepo has accepted this invitation.

Christians in Africa meeting in daily prayer groups, as well as prayer bands in America, are praying for the large evangelistic meetings soon to be held in such places as Bouar, N'Zoro, Ngaoundere, Dime, Yaloke, Batangafo, Zemio, Rafai, Obo, M'Boki, Paoua, and many other places. Won't you join us before the throne of grace for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God upon this land?



A crowd of 1,900 people attended the evangelistic meeting at Yaloke.

A collegiate musical team was directed by Mrs. Colette Steudler.





Joining the happy couple after the ceremony are (l to r) Dan Hammers, Daniel, Julia, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Julien and Becky.

OFF TO HOLLAND FOR A WEDDING

By Miss Becky Julien

Introduction—Recently Daniel Dutruc-Rosset and Julia Schouten were united in marriage in Rotterdam, Holland. Daniel is a French boy who was saved through Brethren Missions in the chapel at Lyon. He came to help at the Chateau in 1966 for a year, and was liked and admired by everyone. During that time he helped in many ways but the young people especially enjoyed his guitar playing, his poems, and the songs that he composed and sang. Soon Daniel decided that the Lord was calling him to go to Bible Institute where he would be instructed both in the Bible and in the area of music. There, at the GEM (Greater Europe Mission) Bible Institute near Paris, Daniel met Julia, a lovely Dutch girl, and they set their wedding date for January 15, 1971.

One rainy day, January 14, Mom, Dad, "Uncle" Dan Hammers, and I got in the car and started out for Holland. That was quite exciting for me because I had never been there before. We had a picnic dinner in the car at noon, and after eleven hours of driving we arrived in Rotterdam where we ate supper in a restaurant.

Immediately after supper we went to Julia's home and visited with her and Daniel and Mrs. Schouten, Julia's mother, who doesn't speak any French. Julia—and Daniel, too (because he has learned to speak Dutch), translated everything we said, and pretty soon Julia's father came in from work. He owns a big barge which he operates regularly, and he told us that just a couple days before someone had

broken the lock on his cabin door and had stolen many of the fixtures in his little apartment. That led into a long and interesting conversation while Mr. Schouten ate several steaming bowls of soup. We were amazed at the amount of coffee that the Dutch people drink! Every five minutes Mrs. Schouten would come up, point to our cups, and nod. Mother, who doesn't like coffee, braved two cups and she said that was the most she had ever drunk in one day! Julia's brother, Wim, came in and greeted us.

The evening went by . . . and then Mr. Schouten said, "We planned to have you sleep in a modern hotel, with a view of the port, and running water—*everywhere!*" At that they all smiled and winked at each other. After a few minutes Daddy said, "I get it. You're taking us to your boat, aren't you?" They just said, "Wait and see." To get there that night we had to climb over four other boats, watching where we put our feet in order not to slip and fall into the water. There were three rooms plus a kitchen—real cute—and we really slept well that night!

When we awoke, Mother prepared a Dutch breakfast using all the good things Mrs. Schouten had given us—bread, butter, cheese slices, many varieties of cold meat, eggs, and a choice of hot beverages. After our "wedding-day breakfast" we quickly dressed in order to be ready when Wim would come to lock up the barge and take us back to Julia's house.

Upon our return we met Wim's wife, dressed in a pretty purple maxi coat-dress, and we sat down and waited. You see, the custom is that the bride and her flower girl dress upstairs so no one sees them except the one who helps them. Then the groom and the photographer come and the groom goes for his bride, offers her the beautiful bridal bouquet, and then escorts her to the car while the photographer is taking pictures of each act. Well, the photographer didn't come at the hour planned, and according to the custom, things cannot proceed. For those of us in the living room, this made possible quite a visit with the nervous groom while his bride and her flower girl waited above us.

Within an hour the key man arrived, Daniel found his lovely bride, and everyone very orderly got into assigned taxis to go to the courthouse for the civil ceremony. Laws in Hol-

land are very much respected by the Dutch people, and since all the taxis had their maximum of four passengers and I was "extra," I had the privilege of riding in the bridal taxi with the bride, groom, flower girl, and, of course, the chauffeur. Because Daniel is French, the mayor also translated the civil wedding text into French.

At noon we had a luncheon with soup, many kinds of sandwiches, a most attractive potato salad, pastries, and lots of coffee. The bridal couple joined their relatives a little late; it seems that the botanical garden is a favorite setting for the photographer who is assigned winter weddings while the parks are traditional for picture-taking of summer weddings.

One of the most thrilling incidents of the day happened during this noon hour when Mr. Dutruc-Rosset, Daniel's father, arrived unexpectedly. We all were touched in witnessing the warm reception he was given by Julia's family, and especially by the newly wedded couple who had hoped until the last minute for such a surprise. We learned that it had been difficult for Daniel's family to plan ahead for this wedding, having just recovered from a death in the family followed by sickness on the part of other members.



Family members enjoyed the luncheon. Seated: Mr. Schouten, and Julia's grandmother. Standing: (l to r) Julia, Daniel, Mr. Dutruc-Rosset, Julia's sister-in-law and Mrs. Schouten.

After lunch we left the little restaurant and walked to Julia's church, started by a missionary from Bible Christian Union, where she became a Christian and has attended for several years. Upon entering the church we all took our respective places—which incidentally were the only ones vacant—Julia and Daniel seated in the center aisle with her family on one side. On the other side Mr. Dutruc-Rosset, my parents, "Uncle" Dan, and I sat with a Bible Institute graduate-friend translating the wedding ceremony into French for us. The church choir sang. It was really nice. During the congregational singing we tried to sing too, but it was pretty hard. I was surprised to see the wedding rings placed on their right hands, but later Julia told me that in Holland only Catholic people wear them on their left hands. Toward the end of the ceremony Daddy presented the traditional wedding Bible to the happy couple.

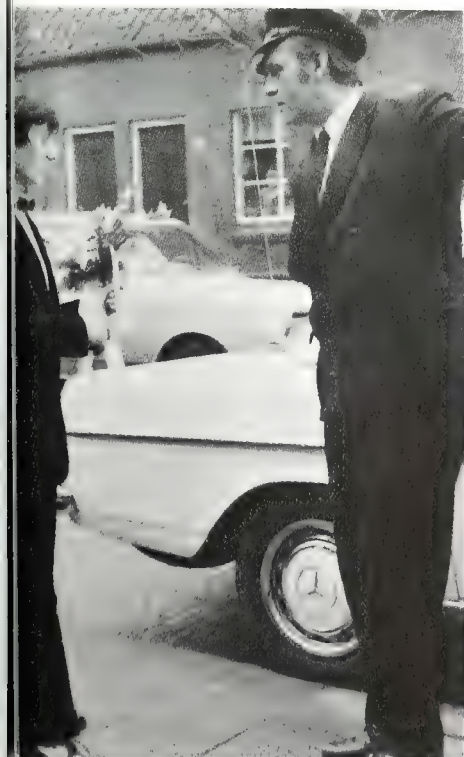
When the ceremony was over it was already getting dark, and everyone walked over to the little restaurant again for an evening reception. We met among the guests an "Operation Mobilization" boy who invited us to come for a tour aboard their new ship docked nearby. With permission from the hosts, we accepted his invitation and slipped away for an hour. Oh, how neat it was! It reminded me of the ships that my family has taken at furlough time to return to the States. Of course, this ship was much smaller but nevertheless very interesting. It can

carry 120 passengers, and they are soon going to sail around the world to evangelize. The staff and young people come from all over the world, making the effort an international one. The cabins, dining rooms, and lounges looked real nice. We would have liked to stay longer but we had to get back.

Upon our arrival we noticed a lot of people had arrived since we had left. We sat down and with the others were treated to lots of good things—a wide selection of appetizers, dainty pastries, and cold drinks. In addition to the visiting and "snacking," one can really have a good time at European wedding receptions. Two of Julia's friends, disguised in crepe-paper costumes as the newlyweds, sang stanza after stanza. We couldn't understand, unfortunately, but everyone was laughing heartily. In questioning Julia, she said it was about their height and some of the difficulties that it produced. The evening continued on like that, when at nine o'clock we decided we would have to go since we must get up early the next morning to return to France.

On the following day we returned home talking about all the new experiences we had. It was a happy trip for us all, but I think the thing that made us the happiest was thinking about having this same couple, Daniel and Julia, with us one week later when they would be joining the staff at the Chateau.

Becky Julien is the fourteen-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien, Brethren missionaries in France.



Daniel talks with the taxi driver as they anxiously await the arrival of the photographer.

This past November, at graduation time, the Bible Institute here in Africa completed its twenty-fifth year. We had had a good school year although during that time we faced a number of unusual situations which might have been serious.

Perhaps the first disturbance was when the Dunnings left for furlough at the end of the first semester. Of course, this was not unexpected; we knew all about it and were planning on it. Fortunately, Miss Ruth Snyder, who has been teaching in the school ever since it started, came back from furlough about that time and was able to pick up her share of the teaching load. And a number of the ladies on the station volunteered to help with the women's classes. So we bridged that gap.

disturbed us and caused us to lay hold on the horns of the altar, was a visit by a couple of church leaders to investigate what we were doing here.

All of these disruptions were about enough to break up the school if we had had a different caliber of students. But the students faced all these situations calmly and returned immediately to their studies. In fact, they scarcely permitted any interruption to their studies. The result was that the grade level for the second semester was appreciably higher than the first, especially for the first and third classes.

The close of school was mighty busy. I suppose that is always true of graduation time. The first thing on the program was the Senior Supper, at which time the missionaries are hosts to the graduates—men and women—

giving exams to the other classes, grading exams, averaging grades, and preparing diplomas.

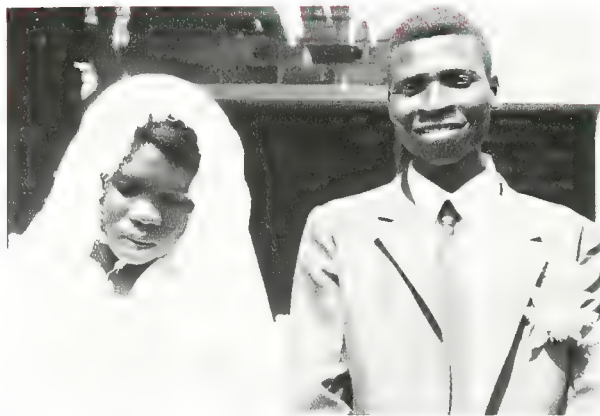
This year's graduating class consisted of twenty-eight men and twenty-one women. Mr. Hocking came up from Yaloke to give the graduation address, which was a challenging message. All the graduates looked very fine, the men in nice khaki suits and the women dressed in blue. There was some disappointment when they learned that their "IB" (Institut Biblique) insignias had not arrived. But all in all the graduation went off very well. Some felt it was one of the best graduations they had witnessed.

Our calendar for graduation time also included two other very important events. First in point of view of time, was the marriage of one of

Through frustrations, rejoicings, challenges and weddings . . .

The Bible Center Was Buzzing

By Rev. Robert Williams
Missionary to Africa



Pierre Yougouda and his new bride.

Then there was considerable misgiving when we learned that during the midsemester vacation a couple of church leaders were in the student village and were filling the ears of the students with adverse propaganda. On top of this, just when the new semester was getting started, the director, Pastor Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, felt led of the Lord to ask a leave of absence to give his full time to the "Life in Christ" evangelistic campaign. A very capable man was engaged to take his teaching load. Unfortunately, this replacement was delayed on the road for a week. Then, when he did arrive he immediately became ill and was unable to meet his class for several days. All this added to the tension.

Another unusual situation which

and the faculty. This time I believe we served sixty-eight plates. A communion service, which is a definite part of our year-end activities, was held on Sunday afternoon before graduation. Then, for the seniors, there was grass cutting: they have to cut roofing grass to repair the houses for the incoming class. They make quite a celebration of this, starting out early in the morning, blowing their hunting horns, shouting and chanting. They have a lot of fun—and do some work! The venture involves us in that the grass is about seven miles away and we have to take the men out in the morning and go after them in the evening, besides taking food to them at noon. All of this keeps someone pretty much on the go. Between times we are busy

our faculty members. Pierre Yougouda was a member of the first School of Theology graduating class, and has been teaching in the Bible Institute ever since. He asked Mr. Hocking to remain and assist in the marriage ceremony. They had a best man and bridesmaid, a veil, and a flower girl. The bride's brother gave her away. It was a double-ring ceremony, and there was a dedication-of-life service afterwards. Pastor Nambozouina also assisted in the ceremony. Following that a wedding feast was held, to which we were all invited.

We were happy for the privilege to join with Pierre and his bride in this happy occasion. We are glad to see marriage taking its proper place of importance among Christian people. We

hope you will be praying for this young couple. Pierre has dedicated himself to the service of his Lord. Here at Bible Institute he probably receives only a fraction of what he might receive in some secular employment, and is constantly being tempted to leave and go into some more remunerative work. Taking unto himself a wife is not going to make it any easier for him unless his wife proves to be as especially dedicated as he is.

The second important event of our term-end was National Independence Day on December 1. We Americans still make a big thing of our Independence Day after almost 200 years, so it is not hard to understand why the day is very important to these people after only ten years. Business and official activity are practically at a standstill for three days; that is, in addition to the days of preparation. But December 1 is THE BIG DAY. Everyone from far and near goes to the stadium for a flag-raising and parade. People start gathering soon after daylight. I left just after five o'clock with the first load of students and ate my breakfast from a lunch basket.

Many of the students marched in the parade. All the senior men were there, and quite a few of the women, wearing their pretty graduation clothes. The other two classes were also well represented, and each class wore its own distinctive uniform. With a flag of the country going before them, a big banner with the inscription "Institut Biblique," and each of the seniors carrying a new Bible, they looked very fine indeed. We were quite proud of them and the government officials stood and clapped as they passed.

And that just about ends the story for the past year. The next day the seniors started shipping out for home, some on buses and others on the mission truck. We have had a little time to catch our breath and get ready for the new class. We hope you will be praying for these graduates. They are good men and women. Of course, we hope that as they return home they will enter into a ministry which will really honor their Lord. But they are going to meet many discouragements. We trust that you will pray for the school and also for the incoming class. We are facing some great problems as we begin the new year.

New Medical Personnel Ready for Africa

Praise God for His direction in the lives of a young medical doctor and his wife, a nurse, whom He has called to serve Him in the Central African Republic. The real need for more medical personnel has been presented over a period of time, and God is answering prayer.

Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler (pronounced Fay'lor, to rhyme with Taylor), have been appointed to missionary service by the FMS Board of Trustees, and their goal is departure for language study in France this fall, after which they will proceed to the field.

Larry and Linda are both from northern Ohio, and are members of the First Brethren Church of Wooster. He is a graduate of Malone College at Canton, Ohio, and the Ohio State University College of Medicine. She studied to be a nurse at the Aultman Hospital School of Nursing, Canton, Ohio. They met while Linda was in her final year of nurse's training and Larry was in his first year of medical school. They were married shortly after her graduation, and she worked at the University Hospital in Columbus while Larry completed his training. During their four years in Columbus, where the medical school is located, they were active in the Grace Brethren Church under the ministries of Pastors Dave Hocking and Jim Custer, who contributed greatly to their spiritual enrichment and growth.

While Dr. Pfahler was in his final year of med.-school, the Lord made it possible for them to spend several months on the Brethren mission field in the C.A.R. They returned home knowing the need of the field, and being open to the Lord's leading in that direction. It was not long before they became aware that



Dr. and Mrs. Pfahler and Heidi

He was leading them back to the C.A.R.

When Dr. Pfahler completed his internship at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, in 1970, they moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, for a year's study at Grace Seminary. They testify that this has been a highlight in their lives. During this year Dr. Pfahler is serving as the college physician and also assisting part time in the Warsaw office of Dr. Harold Mason, who served for several terms on the Brethren mission field in Africa.

While they complete the school year the Pfahlers are also busy in preparations for their departure. Their total support, already partially underwritten, needs to be completed. An outfit appeal is being sent out; a slide-tape presentation is in the making. Pray for them in every phase of their activity, present and future, that all will proceed smoothly that they may be on the field as quickly as possible.

MEMO from Foreign Board Meetings

Date: February 22-25, 1971
To: Foreign Missionary Society
From: Foreign Secretary

Board Members: All trustees (11) present.

Reports: Besides regular reports from field superintendents and office staff, special reports on **Argentina, Brazil, and Germany** were presented, reflecting on recent field visits by board members.

Fields: *Argentina* — The updated mission strategy plan for Argentina was approved. *Buenos Aires* is immediate target for new church-planting emphasis.

Brazil — Significant *church growth* noted. *Seminary extension* ministry initiated. Mission development plan on schedule.

C.A.R. — *Progress and success* of "Life in Christ" campaign is of major significance. Appeal for *church-planting and development missionaries* urged.

Field Superintendents:

Argentina — Nelson Fay	C.A.R. — Roy Snyder
Brazil — Ralph Schwartz	Europe — Tom Julien
Mexico — Walter Haag	

New Missionaries:

Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler — medical missionaries to *C.A.R.* — departure date — September 1971.

*Mr. and Mrs. Larry DeArme*y — missionaries to *France* — departure date — September 1971.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy — returning to *Argentina* after a number of years teaching missions at Grace — departure date — June 1971.

These missionaries will *need support funds* promised before they can leave the U.S. By Board action no candidates may proceed even to language school without total support needs cared for.

Budget: The FMS general fund budget for 1971 totals \$680,267.94. This is \$74,000 above last year's income.

These are only a few of the many details dealt with. Other actions centered around topics such as health of missionaries, language study, total support policy, missionary deputation and conferences, and cadet missionaries.

Nineteen seventy-one can be a great year in Brethren Foreign Missions. God's blessing is evident in the fields where Brethren missionaries are laboring. Please join us in prayer that all needs will be supplied and that missionaries will not be hindered through lack of prayer or financial support.

A Moment with Missions

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

A NEW WORK IN BRAZIL

Boys and girls of the Missionary Helpers Clubs send in their offerings to help support two "missionary kids." Remember who they are? Did you say Agnes Aellig in Africa and Kenny Paul Burk in Brazil? You're right.

Here is the newest picture of Kenny and the rest of his family. This picture was taken when they were all in the United States last year, before they went back to Brazil. Kenny is there in front, right next to his mother. His little sister, Lois, is between Mr. and Mrs. Burk. Tim is at the left, and tall big brother Art is at the back. His sister Linda, right, at back, is the only one who stayed in the U.S. She is going to college in Oregon.

A letter, which Mrs. Burk wrote recently, said: "Tim and Ken find it very hard to concentrate on their studies with a jungle in their back yard and a river in their front yard." You see, the Burk family has gone to a brand-new mission station. In fact,



it's not even a mission station yet—it's just a spot away out along the Guama River. They even have to build a house themselves. Then Mr. "Amazon Bill" Burk will travel around that area in his boat to tell people the good news about Jesus who wants to be their Saviour, and then they will begin a church.

The Burk family really need our prayers as they start this new work. So—please remember to pray for Kenny Burk and all the Burk family.

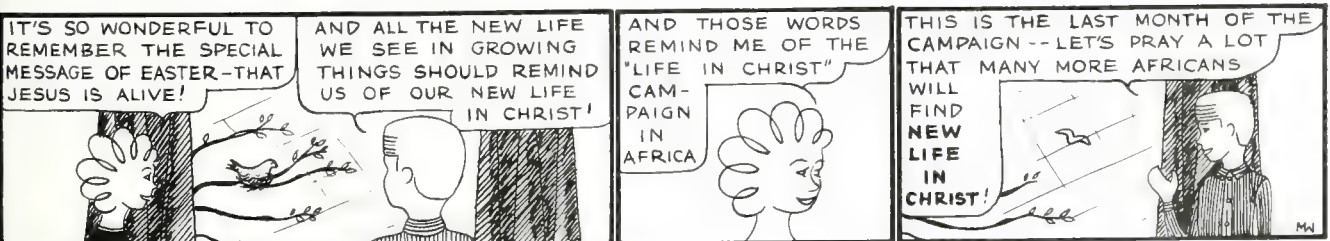


House along a river in Brazil



Mr. Burk in his boat

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Church News



Participating in the ordination service were (l to r) Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Rev. Glenn Coats, Rev. Merlyn Jones, Mrs. Bonnie McKay, Rev. John McKay, Rev. Paul Jackson and Dr. Robert McKay.

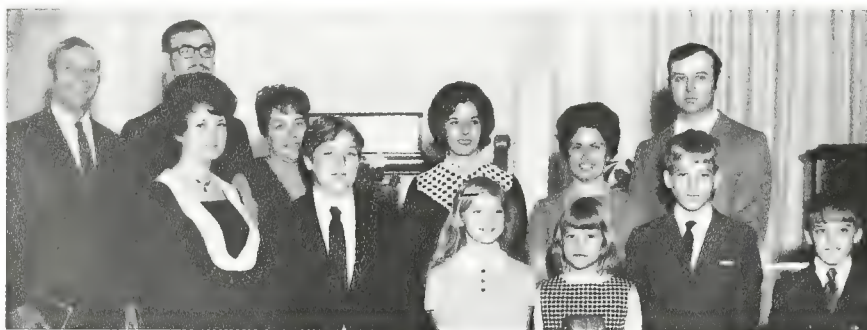
DEFIANCE, OHIO. Pastor John McKay was ordained to the gospel ministry at an afternoon service Dec. 13. The ordination speaker was Dr. John C. Whitcomb and the presiding elder was Rev. Glenn R. Coats. Participating ministers were Rev. Paul Jackson and Rev. Merlyn Jones. Mrs. John McKay was the soloist with Dr. Robert McKay as organist.

ELKHART, IND. A television series called *Turning Point* began Mar. 25 over TV channel 28 at 10:30 p.m. Sponsored by an Elkhart businessman and several Brethren churches, the program will be aired each Thursday night for thirteen weeks. The 30-minute color telecast will feature outstanding Christians in various occupations, who, because of their faith in Jesus Christ, have had a turning point in their lives. The program will follow the "talk show" format, and musical groups from Grace College will be featured. Rev. Bill Smith of Winona Lake, Ind., will serve as moderator.

RAMONA, CALIF. Rev. Grant McDonald and his wife, Esther, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Their four children held a unique service for them before Pastor McDonald retired from the active ministry at the Grace Community Church. The McDonald family conducted the morning worship service with favorite hymns and Scripture. For the message, the three sons paid tribute to their parents.

OKEECHOBEE, FLA. A farewell dinner was held for Rev. and Mrs. Randall Maycumber and Lou Ann at the church Jan. 31. Mr. Maycumber concluded his ministry here by speaking in both services and baptizing six people into the membership of the church. The Maycumbers were given a special "Florida Money Tree" in appreciation of their ministry. Gerald Root, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Culminating with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Sunday school of the Patterson Park Brethren Church has been on the "Glory Road Campaign" since Mar. 7. Emphasis during the six-week period is on six events that took place during the last days of Christ's life on His "road to glory." By meeting goals assigned to them, the classes are able to participate in the events each week until Easter. John R. Terrell, pastor.



Gathered with Pastor Art Frank (far left) are eleven new members of the Palmyra church.

PALMYRA, PA. The first two months of this year were bright as 18 people made decisions to receive Christ. Seven became members of the church through baptism, and five more transferred their membership into the church. The parsonage has been sold which will provide money necessary to purchase land and begin a building fund. The target date is 1973 for a building program. The Lord also provided a home which Pastor Art Frank could purchase.

AKRON, OHIO. Dr. W. A. Ogden has been called by the First Brethren Church to be their part-time visitation pastor.

ELKHART, IND. Two former pastors can be assured that the financing of their children's college education is well-underway. Cynthia Shoemaker, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Donald Shoemaker, and Philip Peugh, son of Rev. and Mrs. Roger Peugh, now have a college savings account in the Brethren Investment Foundation, thanks to the people of the Elkhart church. Everyone who contributes a quarter or more to the project will have his name entered on a card which will then be sent to the children. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO. The decision of a young boy to receive Christ as his Saviour was a moving conclusion to Youth Sunday Jan. 31. Mathew Skaria, a seminary student from India, and Pat McCune, a high school senior, were the special speakers for the morning and evening services. Other youth who participated were Billy Cornwell, Tim Bibler, Todd Baker, David Miller, Wendee Baker, Anne Frost, James Coats, and Paul Coats. Glenn Coats, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Duncansville, Pa.	Apr. 4-11	John Gregory	Herman Hoyt
Martinsburg, W.Va.	Apr. 14-25	Robert Dell	Allen Herr
Goshen, Ind.	Apr. 25-May 2	Robert D. Crees	Mark Malles

STERLING, OHIO. Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana, recently conducted a week of Christian Life meetings at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Malles is a former pastor of the Sterling church. Art Johnson, pastor.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BENTON, Margaret A., a charter member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa., passed away Dec. 30, 1970. John Gregory, pastor.

BISHOP, Oliver, 58, a long-time member of the Grace Brethren Church in Grandview and Sunnyside, went to be with the Lord Feb. 13. William Shelby, pastor.

CRAGHEAD, Jesse J. (Kit), 67, passed away Feb. 4. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Covington, Va., since 1938. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

FUERST, Clara, 86, entered the Lord's presence Jan. 29. She was a charter member of the First Brethren Church, Grandview, Wash. William Shelby, pastor.

FUERST, Joe 84, a charter member of the First Brethren Church of Grandview, Wash., and a long-time member of the Sunnyside First Brethren Church passed away in May 1970. William Shelby, pastor.

KING, Jesse, 74, a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, departed to be with the Lord Jan. 19. She was the first recording secretary for the church, a position she held for 24 years. She also served as Sunday-school secretary for several years. John M. Aeby, pastor.

MUSCH, Ardith, 37, of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, passed away Feb. 14. John M. Aeby, pastor.

OYLER, John H., 64, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1953, went to be with the Lord Nov. 29, 1970. David L. Hocking, pastor.

STYER, Fannie E., departed this life Feb. 17 after a lengthy illness. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster. Arthur N. Malles, pastor.

CHANGES. The pastor's home address for Rev. William O. Gardner of the Richmond Grace Brethren Church on page 85 of your *Annual* should be changed to 2215 Cranbeck Rd., 23235. The phone number is correct as listed. The new address for Rev. Art Frank is 7856 E. Valley View Ave., Skyline View, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112.

GOSHEN, IND. "Youth Reaching Out" was the theme of a special four-day emphasis at the church Feb. 7-10. Bill Drury, director of Teen Haven in Philadelphia, Pa., was the kickoff speaker Sunday morning. Jim Geerts, former hippie, drug addict and pusher now in the Elkhart Grace Brethren Church, spoke at the final service on Wednesday. On Monday night, the youth held a mystery supper and viewed a film. A musical team from Grace College presented a program on Tuesday evening. Robert Crees, pastor.



Involved in the purchase of the Grange Hall property were (l to r) Pastor Donald M. Marken, Robert D. McKinney, O. C. Bibbee and Robert Jenne.

COOLVILLE, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church purchased the Grange Hall property which they had leased for services since 1969. Plans are underway for building a new edifice, after which the old landmark will be torn down. Completing the transaction above are (l to r) Donald M. Marken, pastor; Robert D. McKinney, church trustee; O. C. Bibbee, grange master; Robert Jenne, church trustee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1971 NFBC NATIONAL CONFERENCE - AUG. 6-13

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SIX PHONY EXCUSES

*That's what they are, no
matter how you look at them.*

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By Paul H. Johnson
CBMC International Chairman

Give a man some money free, and he takes it. Offer him the unending benefits of Christianity, and he begins making excuses as to why he can't accept Christianity. Yet when examined closely, most of these excuses are irrelevant and merely a smoke screen to avoid the real issues.

I suppose some are sincere in their objections, but I believe most are simply trying to avoid seeing themselves as they really are. Perhaps if we thought about some of them in advance, it might help us to meet them and deal with them more effectively. Not argumentatively. For only the work of God in a man's heart changes him. Nevertheless, if we intelligently and kindly show the person that his objections do not "hold water," it may clear away the smoke so that we

can make a positive presentation of Jesus Christ.

Let's look at six of the most common excuses.

1

"There are so many hypocrites in the church. Why, I know so and so and he . . ."

Haven't you heard that one about a thousand times? I have, and I always quickly agree.

Then in a kind and gentle way, I point out that it seems to me that they have one set of standards for the church and another for every other organization. There are bad actors in both the democratic and republican parties, but we don't fail to vote for our candidates because of them. Most country clubs and service organizations have members

who don't pay their bills and are a little shady in the business world. Everybody knows it, but all the other members don't leave the club.

I read in the paper once about some counterfeit money circulating in our town, but I didn't destroy my money because of it. One of the tenants in an apartment that I own recently was indicted by the Federal Grand jury, but all of the other tenants didn't move out. Nor did I sell the building.

Every organization has its phonies, but we don't need to give up our own advantages because of a few counterfeits. How about Judas Iscariot? His character wasn't exactly impeccable; but in spite of the fact that he was on the inside with the Lord, he didn't keep the other eleven, or the thousands from following and trusting Jesus.

Hypocrites in the church? Maybe so, but irrelevant. We'll pray for them and do all we can to weed them out. In the end, they will answer to God.

But, friend, are you going to allow these bad actors to keep you from enjoying all the benefits of knowing Christ personally and eventually heaven?

2

"I don't really understand Christianity. How God can be three people in one, et cetera."

Again I quickly agree.

"You know, I really didn't under-

stand it fully myself—how God can be all He is. But I believe the Bible, and I've done what God said to do—simply trust Him. And it works. If we totally understood all about Him, we'd know as much as He does and then there wouldn't be much difference between us, and He wouldn't be God.

But I don't see the connection of not fully understanding and not being willing to accept Him and enjoying what He has to offer. I don't fully understand electricity or television, but I don't go around in the dark or refuse to turn on the TV set. I surely don't understand the principles behind many of the electronic computers, but we accept their results and often stake our lives on their conclusions.

Isn't the loving, changeless God whom we don't completely understand, more reliable than electrical devices that we don't understand? I can't follow the connection between total understanding and rejection concerning God, when we don't use that same criteria on other things.

Why not give God a break?

Give Him the benefit of the doubt while you put your faith in Him. The Bible says that until we put our faith in Jesus Christ, the Bible is difficult to understand. After we trust Him, it begins to make more sense to us. We'll all understand it better by and by. In the meantime, while the learning process is going on, don't miss out on the tremendous benefits, while trying to understand all the little details.

"It's so narrow. You say there is only one way."

That's right, only one way. But what's wrong with that?

There are a lot of things that are narrow and one way, and we're all glad of it. I fly a good deal on commercial airlines, and often we land at night or in a fog, and of all the hundreds of places the pilot could land that big jet, he always gets it onto the runway. I'm delighted that all those experienced, well-trained pilots are so narrow-minded.

This is so true in many other things, like putting complicated machinery together. It only works if it's put together one way. Truth is always narrow. Two and two always make four. Error goes off in all directions. Nobody wants a broadminded math or science teacher.

Narrowness is not a valid argument. Jesus said, "Strait is the gate, and nar-

row is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

"But faith in God is so unscientific."

Yet I feel just the opposite. I don't know where you could find things that are more scientific than the things that God has made: Take the world itself and the way it rotates so accurately, and all the other planets, the sun and moon so perfectly timed, making the moon exploration possible with such accuracy.

How about man, God's greatest creation, with all of his amazing ability? And as great as man is, he has never been able to create life or make anything so scientific that it can think or heal itself. Only God has been able to do that.

Scientists have learned long ago that they cannot harness or control nature and God. But they have found that they can accomplish tremendous things in cooperation with and in dependence upon nature, because of the very scientific make-up of God.

There is so much proof all around us. Man progresses as he discovers the orderliness of God in the physical realm and abides by it.

Why does he so consistently fight the moral and spiritual order of God? This is the side of God that can be so helpful to us as individuals. And this is God's greatest interest—man and his personal relationship to God. Why not trust the greatest scientist ever? "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

"It's too incredible. I just don't have the faith."

I think I know what he's saying, but wonder if he has really thought that through. We have faith so easily today, it seems, in so many things and in so many people. Why not in God? We put our lives in the hands of most any airline and its personnel without much hesitation. We drink the water in strange cities without having it tested.

We invest our money in stocks and sometimes with friends, without real guarantees of success. We send our children to be taught by people that we know little or nothing about. All by faith in an organization or government or people. And all of these have histories of failures over the years. Only God has a perfect record of never letting anyone down. Only God is completely and

totally trustworthy. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

"But I'd have to give up so much to become a Christian."

That's true. You'd have to give up a lot. You'd have to give up the search for true happiness and peace of mind and purpose in life.

You'd have to give up wondering and worrying about where you came from, why you are here and where you will spend eternity.

You'd have to give up the confusion and frustration that comes with these thoughts. Because you would find in Christ the answers and solutions to all of life. You would find it is not a case of giving up, but a case of "getting rid of."

And if you become a Christian, no doubt there would be some things you would miss (sort of like you miss a toothache).

There are habits and attitudes that you would give up, but not because you had to, but because you wanted to. Like giving up second grade hamburger for first-class steak.

You see, God wants us to have the very best. Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life... and more abundantly."

When we consider what a tremendous program God has provided for us, and that we can receive all benefits simply by faith, we should be awestruck and ever grateful.

If this is our attitude, it follows that we will want to pay attention to the suggestions that God gives us for a happy and successful life as His children, and avoid the things God says to avoid.

It's sort of like raising children. Parents know more than the kids. God knows best for us. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path."

Let me reemphasize the need to counter these arguments kindly, sincerely and with respect. Also, it should be noted that the discussion of these negatives should be kept to a minimum, and as quickly as possible, get on with a positive presentation of the claims of Jesus Christ. After all, it is not our cleverness or debating ability that saves men. It is the Spirit of God that works in their hearts. Keep it positive.

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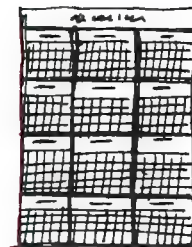
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I remember a story my father used to tell of a shepherd boy named Jon (pronounced YON). Jon would herd his father's flock for months at a time in the mountains along with the other men his father employed.

One summer a man rode his horse into the camp and told the shepherds a wonderful story about a friend who could be their very own Shepherd. He taught them a way to remember this: beginning with the little finger, a word was assigned to each finger of one hand. "The Lord is MY Shepherd." Jon learned to grasp his index finger as he came to the word "MY."

The missionary came as often as possible that summer, each time telling them something else wonderful and true about their personal Shepherd.

A year later, the riding missionary came to the camp where he had met Jon. As he greeted each one, he noticed the youngest shepherd was not there. One of the other men told this story of what happened.

"As the chilly fall winds blew across the mountains, we began the long walk down to the farm and the safety of the sheepfold. Just as we got there the snows began to fall. We were so happy to be home as we counted the sheep going through the gate. But one was missing. It was Jon's favorite little lamb and he was determined to find it. We all warned him that by now the snow up at our camp would be very deep. But Jon was determined. We watched him become smaller in the distance and soon night and snow both erased him from sight.

It snowed very hard all the next day and Jon did not return. The second morning came, but Jon was not home yet. We went looking for him and found his frozen body sitting against a tree with the little lamb under his arm. But one thing was a little strange. We had to pry his hand away from his first finger. He must have been holding onto that finger real tight."

Do you hang onto your personal shepherd that tight? Have you chosen a personal shepherd worth hanging onto? Our God is so good to us and faithful without one flaw. He promises to hang onto us so tight that "neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." He also promises not to lose anything of what the Father has given

HANG ON REAL TIGHT

By Mrs. Dan Pacheco
National WMC Officer

Jon learned to grasp
his index finger
as he came to
the word "MY."

to Him. If He is yours personally, you're included.

There are many other personal shepherds that readily become belongings and they are, oh, so easy to hang onto. Popularity. Rebellion. Drugs. In-



Dan and Miriam Pacheco with Danny and Maria.

difference. "Turtlenecklessness." You can add many more—some hang onto you so tight they squeeze harder than a bear hug.

Popularity can get hold of your head and blow it out of proportion. It can influence your friendliness to exclude those who are supposedly "out." It can give illusions of grandeur, and conjure up a lot of other by-products easy to grasp. But once those "in" kids decide you're the one who's "out"—ZAP! You've had it! Worth hanging onto?

Rebellion, drugs, indifference—one can lead to the other and all can become so tightly interwoven in your life's fiber there is no room to breathe. They lead to apathy; hatred of family, friends, even God, and finally yourself. Worth all the effort? Don't confuse the hanky-panky species of rebellion with the nitty-gritty kind. Not making your bed at a prescribed time doesn't turn you into a rebel (could be a first step, though). It's the heart-attitude of not caring about the Word of God as your personal belonging, not caring about the fruits of a Spirit-controlled life, that can be dangerous.

"Turtlenecklessness"? Well, it's just a five syllable way to name the kind of person who hangs onto his shell so tight he never has any freedom. You know, home safe like the turtle—completely and forever. Everything is so confusing, it's easy to say the wrong words, nobody likes me, I can't do anything worthwhile . . . you've heard it all before. This type of personal shepherd rides herd on all the great plans God has for you. If you say a wrong word, it's certain someone will clue you in to the right one. If nobody knows you, how can they like you? Loosen your grasp on that shell and stick your neck out to see what's going on. You have to be moving if you want Him to lead you. God won't take you any faster than you're *able* to go, tortoise.

David surely knew how beautiful the meadows were in the spring-green pastures, still waters. His beautiful Psalm, inspired in his heart by his personal Shepherd, gives us the clue to what we need to experience, the freshness and joy of spring in our personal relationship to Christ. Like the little boy in Sunday school saying his verse, "The Lord is my shepherd; what more could I want?" Hang on real tight! ☞

No other group
can say as we
Christians can say
of our leader, Jesus—
He is not dead!



The Victorious Message of Easter

By Mrs. Richard Sellers
Pastor's Wife

Victory is certain—is sure—because the Victor lives forever. He is all-powerful, ever-present and has all-knowledge. This is the victorious message of Easter . . . the message that we must give to the waiting world. The subject of this message is Jesus Christ, the Victor.

I Know That Jesus Is My Redeemer

How wonderful it is in this war-torn, problem-filled world to know that Jesus is *my* personal Redeemer and Saviour. This Easter time brings to all the victorious message of salvation.

He saved me—a sinner, lost, and bound for hell. Christ came to earth “to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10) and I know Him as the Saviour who loved me enough to die on the cross to save me and who will take me to heaven to live with Him forever and ever. Not for a day, not for a month, not for a year—but for eternity, forever and ever. Praise His name! He is my Redeemer.

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

The victorious message of Easter for me also includes the fact that my Redeemer *liveth*. Yes, it is wonderful to know that my Saviour, my Redeemer, *liveth*. Job had this assurance: “For I know that my redeemer liveth . . .” (Job. 19:25). No other religion in the world can make this claim. I think of the Buddhists—their Buddha is dead. I think of the Muhammadans—Muhammad is dead. I think of the Communists and their leader, Lenin—he is dead. On and on I could go giving other illustrations, but no other group can say as we Christians can say of our leader, Jesus—He is not dead. He arose. Today He is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us—His children (read Rom. 8:34). We are bought with His blood.

Jesus, himself, said in John 11:25-26 “... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die . . .” Either you believe Jesus or you call Him a liar. I choose to believe Him. He is alive today!

The story is told of Michelangelo as he conversed with his fellow artists that he was filled with indignation and

said, “Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of the one ever-reiterated theme, of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the cross, Christ dying, most of all—Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate upon that passing episode, as if that were the last word and the final scene, as if the curtain dropped upon that hour of disaster and defeat? At worst, that only lasted a few hours. But to the end of unending eternity, Christ is alive; Christ rules and reigns and triumphs.”

I am so thankful that Jesus *lives* today, I know He lives, He lives within my heart.

I Know I Serve A Risen Saviour

If you know Jesus as your Saviour, and you know that Jesus lives today—how can you *serve* Him?

(1) As a witness in your home. As a mother you can daily serve Jesus by telling your children of Jesus, His love for them, and their need of Him. (2) As a Christian, as a believer in Jesus, you can tell others—that neighbor next door, that friend who needs Jesus, that cousin who just lost her child and needs a word of encouragement from you, and so forth. (3) As a member of the WMC you can serve by praying for and writing to your missionaries. Let them know that you care and remember them. There are many other ways you can serve Jesus, your risen Saviour. How many can you name?

What a privilege to serve Jesus, a risen Saviour. Only you can do the job He has given to you. No one else can take your place—no one else can witness to your friends as you can. If you do not serve Him by witnessing—friends of yours may be lost for eternity.

At this Easter season let's think anew of our risen Saviour—He is not in the grave but He is alive today and wants you to serve Him. In Joshua 24:15 we read: “... choose you this day whom you will serve . . .” I trust you have chosen to serve Jesus—the risen Saviour.

I know Jesus Comforts In Time Of Death

Easter time brings a victorious message because I know Jesus comforts in time of death. “... to be

absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord” (II Cor. 5:8). When a loved one dies in the Lord how precious to know that he or she is with Jesus and we will see that one again. Death means only a short separation until we will be united in heaven. Psalm 23:6 says, “I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” Soon I will meet my loved one and then together we will be with the Lord forever. What a comfort this promise is in time of sorrow.

I Know Jesus Is Coming Again

There is another message of Easter—I know Jesus is *coming again*. According to I Thessalonians 4:16—“the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God . . .” Maybe 1971 will be the year Jesus returns. Are you living each day, watching and waiting for Jesus' return? Are you praying as John prayed, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20)?

How well the poem, “Resurrection,” by Avis B. Christiansen presents the victorious message of Easter.

Resurrection

What saith the empty tomb to me
This hallowed Eastern Morn?
It speaks of life and victory,
An glorious hope new-born.

It tells of One who hung in shame
Upon a cross of woe,
That all who call upon His name
Eternal life might know.

It tells me He hath risen indeed,
And at the Father's throne
Now daily stands to intercede
For His redeemed, His own.

It tells me that because He lives,
I too shall never die;
And everlasting hope it gives
Of joy with Him on high.

It tells me death is overthrown—
Yes, 'tis a conquered foe,
For Christ the way of life hath shown
Through Calvary's cross of woe.

What saith the empty tomb today?
It saith, “The Lord hath risen,
Dispelling ever more the gloom
Of death's foreboding prison.”

It saith, “Look unto Him and live,
For He hath power to save;
Life everlasting He doth give,
And vict'ry o'er the grave!”



Concluding a series on the
1970-71 WMC Birthday Missionaries

God Had Plans for Her Future

By Marcia Wardell



Mrs. Colette Steudler with her husband, Jean-Louis, and their younger daughter Nicole.

Some years back, when the demand increased for schools to be conducted in the French language on our field in the Central African Republic, a definite need was felt for teachers whose *native* language was French. This brought about the contact with Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler and his wife, Colette, who were the first of the Swiss teachers to go to the Brethren Africa field, and they have served with the mission since 1958. Mr. Steudler is director of the James Gribble High School at Yaloke, where the Steudlers make their home. As highly valued members of the mission staff they lend appreciated assistance in other areas besides the school. Mrs. Steudler has trained musical groups, and presently these are a great asset in meetings of the field-wide *Life in Christ* evangelistic campaign.

Mrs. Steudler tells us of her own life:

"I was born into the family of Rene Giovannoni, a mechanic at Neuchatel, Switzerland. My father, who came from the Italian part of Switzerland, was Catholic. My mother, who speaks French, is Protestant. From these circumstances I have two recollections of my childhood. The first took place before I went to school. My grandmother took me to the Catholic church with her. While the priest was performing the ceremony, she leaned over toward me and held out a piece of bread, saying, 'Eat this and be careful because it is a part of Jesus' body.' I obeyed, waiting for the moment when the miracle would take place. I was greatly disappointed when I realized that nothing was going to happen.

"My second recollection took place

a few years later when I was in the second grade. Every Sunday morning our teacher used to call the children together to teach the Bible. One day she told us about Solomon. One detail struck my attention. It was when the Lord said to Solomon, 'Ask what I should give you.' Solomon did not ask for riches, but for an intelligent heart to distinguish between the good and the bad. My heart was touched by this example and I determined to ask God for wisdom also. Perhaps I had some disobedience on my conscience that day, but nothing is overlooked by the Lord and my request for wisdom was recorded in heaven."

Twice within a year or so young Colette's life was endangered, first because of meningitis, and second, diphtheria. But the efforts of brave doctors pulled her through. "The Lord protected me those two times because He had other plans for my life," she says.

The years went by uneventfully "in a family that I thought was happy," she relates. "However, no one went to church." Colette liked to walk in the out-of-doors and she recalls once taking a bouquet of beautiful autumn leaves to school. But her teacher only threw them in the wastebasket. Perhaps that teacher would not have done such a thoughtless deed if she had known how long the memory of it would persist in the mind of her young pupil!

When she finished her high school course, Colette had no idea what she should do, but she followed along with two girl friends who wanted to attend a teachers college. A young man who sat at the table beside hers was ap-

parently very different from the others. His name was Jean-Louis Steudler. "So a friendship was born. Little by little he began to talk to me about the Bible and I was interested."

Jean-Louis invited Colette several times to meetings of the Action Biblique group, and in particular to the showing of a film about youth camps. Colette was interested in the film because of the many experiences she had had at Girl Scout camps.

When the course was finished, they parted, Colette to teach in a children's home in the Alps, Jean-Louis to a Bible school in England. "But we continued our correspondence. At Christmas time I asked my father for a Bible. It was his last gift, because he died two months later."

When World War II broke out in 1939, Colette, as a member of the Girl Scouts, enlisted to work in a health unit of the army. She was very disappointed to hear from Jean-Louis that he felt they should stop corresponding because of her worldly manner of life. Later, after leaving the army, she became a telephone operator. In the city where she was working some evangelistic meetings were taking place. "So I attended, and on a certain Sunday I understood that the Lord wanted me to give Him my life, which I did. Then I became sick, and while I was in the hospital I received a letter from Jean-Louis, to whom I had written about my recent decision for Christ. We got together again, and then became engaged. I left my work to go to Bible school.

"In 1945 the war was over. It seemed like we would be able to get married, but no, not yet. An offer

came from Cairo, Egypt, requesting a French teacher to come to teach at the English Mission College. It was on the condition that Jean-Louis would come alone to begin these classes. It was a difficult decision to make for both of us. But we decided to do the Lord's will.

"A year later we were married and we worked in Egypt during eight years. That is where Chantal, our older daughter, was born. Because of difficulties with the director of a Swiss school in Alexandria where we had taught for six years, we returned to Switzerland. A few months later Nicole was born. Jean-Louis found another teaching job and I opened a kindergarten. In spite of all the advantages that these jobs gave us, we still had the desire to return to the mission field. The Lord was also waiting for us. It was in reading an evangelical magazine that we learned of the request of Charles Taber for a couple to teach in the C.A.R. In a very short time God opened the door for us to come here, and you know the rest.

"Thanks be to God for His faithfulness!" And thank you, Colette Steudler, for our opportunity as WMC members to become better acquainted with you this year while you are one of the "Birthday Missionaries."

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AFRICA

- Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr. June 12
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Rev. Martin M. Garber June 14
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Lynda Kay Garber June 15, 1969
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Rev. Roy B. Snyder June 15
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miss Marie Mishler June 19
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

- David Clark Miller June 12, 1966
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BRAZIL

- Earle Phillip Hodgdon June 11, 1956
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- Beverly Anne Hodgdon June 26, 1961
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April and May

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Foreign Missions

"I Shall Miss it. . ."

By Mrs. George Ripple
Northeastern Ohio
District WMC President

"Good, better, best, never let it rest until your good is better and your better best."

These few words opened our first planning meeting when thirty-three of our Northeastern Ohio District officers, local presidents, and pastors' wives gathered together. Exciting projects were reviewed and plans for the year were formulated. Since that time, we have had the joy of seeing many of our plans materialize.

At the October rally held in conjunction with the district conference approval was given by the women for the following projects: January 1971 goal—\$200 to be divided between Jewish Work, Operation and Publication Offering, and Jump Seats for the Northeastern Ohio Quiz Team. In April our goal is to give \$150 to the missionary residences in Winona Lake and the balance for a tape recorder for Hawaii. An air-conditioner for the office of Dean of Women at Grace College and layettes for the Kentucky missions are the July projects.

A mission quiz conducted at the rally by Mrs. Robert Markley was very interesting and informative. The score was tied between the Brown and Blue teams.

Our January rally was held in Norton with an attendance of seventy-eight. Mrs. W. A. Ogden gave a very interesting report on caring for mis-



Attending the first planning meeting were 33 district officers, local presidents, and pastors' wives.

sionary children as she reviewed the blessings, and some "not-so-called blessings," which she and "Uncle Bill" shared as they provided a home for Ann and Donna Kliever just twenty years ago.

We are sponsoring a SMM Girl of the Year by paying \$50 toward her youth conference expense. It is a real blessing to have women who are willing to give of their time and talents to work with the girls in our district.

An attendance plaque is given the council having the highest percentage of their membership present at the rallies. They are also presented with a book for their group and a small token is given to each member present.

We praise the Lord for our councils who give so liberally, enabling us to meet, and many times exceed, our financial goals.

Space does not permit us to name the women who are so willing to give of themselves; whether it be playing the piano, a message in song, or whatever the need might be. We thank the Lord for them.

We have tried to make the "good" things "better," and I am sure when our new officers are installed in March at our district conference, we shall go

on to the "best" year our district has had in the work of WMC.

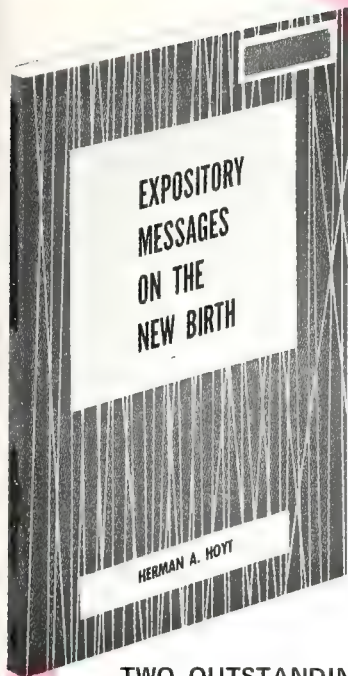
It was with fear and trembling, three years ago, that I accepted the responsibility of the office of the Northeastern Ohio District WMC president. I shall miss it! Time goes all too quickly, and as I look back, I know the Lord was with me and I have learned that, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me" (Phil. 4:13). Now I can truly say, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

Living abundantly in Christ will help us to live and work abundantly in WMC—a blessing I wish for each of you.

The clock of life is wound but once,
And only God has the power
To say just when the hands will stop,
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CATCH THE ENTHUSIASM BUG

By Miss Wilma Hartley

I have found that in serving my Lord half-hearted work is not enough, but He wants His work done heartily and enthusiastically. About twenty years ago when I was just a young Christian, we were having a meeting in the basement of our church one night and we needed a pianist. Just about that time Mrs. Norman Uphouse walked in and we asked her to play for us. She answered very enthusiastically, "I'd be glad to." I don't remember what the message was or who preached it but I remember her answer because she answered enthusiastically—as though it was really a privilege to play for her Lord. I have thought of this incident many times and asked my Lord to give me similar enthusiasm to do His work heartily for His glory.

In 1968 some of us from the Southern Ohio District went to national conference and among the "specials," we attended the SMM Tea and the coronation of the SMM Girl of the Year. The girls and patronesses from our district who were present were absolutely thrilled. They came to me with all kinds of plans to use back home. So, we returned home with our packages of contagious enthusiasm and spread it around our district. The enthusiasm began to grow, slowly at first, but after our fall rally several

girls had caught the "enthusiasm bug" and were ready to be candidates for the Southern Ohio Princess. As the girls worked, the patronesses worked, and then more girls began to work. By the time of the spring rally we had twenty-three girls excited about being candidates for Junior Representative or Southern Ohio Princess.

WHAT DID IT? The enthusiasm of girls and patronesses who had caught the "enthusiasm bug" from the people at conference.

Does enthusiasm work? Let me give you another example of what our Lord has done with the "enthusiasm bug." Last year our district SMM board met to plan the year (again, right after national conference). Since the district was building the Grace Brethren Village, a retirement home, we decided this would be a worthwhile project for us to work on. We planned a penny parade with a big clock made out of a fish bowl. Our goal was twenty-five dollars. We sent letters telling everyone to save their pennies for the penny parade. At the district WMC workshop we showed the clock to everyone and told them we were going to see how full we could get it.

The night of the fall rally came and the penny parade began. We sat there with our mouths open in surprise and thanking our God for His greatness. The pennies came in by the canfuls. We could hardly believe our eyes. When the count was finished we had ninety-three dollars. Needless to say we had to change our goal. By the spring rally we had reached our second goal—two hundred and fifty dollars. *Why did this happen?* It happened because our God used the "enthusiasm bug" and some women and girls who were willing to dedicate their time and energy to His work. The girls saved pennies and faithfully contacted penny partners every week. When the girls were excited the people of the churches were excited, too.

I firmly believe that enthusiasm is one of the keys to success. If we of SMM and WMC can catch the "enthusiasm bug" we can do more and greater things for our wonderful Lord. Did you know that the reason we don't have more SMM groups in our churches is because there are not enough women of the WMC who are willing to give of their time and of

themselves? So many times when I have contacted WMC presidents they say, "We don't have anyone to work with the girls." Is this you and your church? Ladies, our Lord is able to help you, to train you, to give you the time to work with the girls, and to supply every need you might have. If you will just be willing to say: "Lord, here I am, use me." Don't say it unless you really mean it though, because if you say it be ready to work. I think we of WMC need to pray very hard and live very dedicated lives because we are training the future church and as we train—so goes the church.

Girls, your God needs you, too. Let the "enthusiasm bug" bite you. If you are excited about SMM and the work our Lord Jesus has given you it will be contagious and others will catch the "bug" and help with the work.

"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord" (Col. 3:23). Have you ever noticed how much easier and how much more fun it is to do something when you put your whole self into it? May I leave you with one thought—Nothing can beat enthusiasm coupled with prayer. I have relied on this formula for several years now. My God has never let me down and I have never been sorry that I've given my all to Him.

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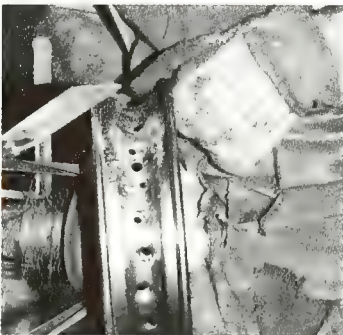
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A Tribute

March 23 dawned gray and cloudy in Northern Ohio. It was like many other days in late March with winter making a last bid to be remembered. The winds blew the snow in swirling circles. The event that was to make it different was that Ted Henning had come back home. It was the day to pay tribute to a Christian layman who had served God. Now his labors were ended. In the rural community of Middlebranch, Ohio, a simple, dignified service of memorial was held. Proper recognition to God and His servant was presented by a former pastor, Wesley Haller. A tribute from the president of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Rev. W. A. Ogden, was given, and we went back out into the cold March air of reality.

Ted and Naomi Henning served the Lord for many years in the Middlebranch church. Ted was a determined and resolute servant of God and when he set his mind and will to the task—he fulfilled the mission. I shall leave it to others to outline the many areas of his work.

Last June, he and Mrs. Henning went to Africa. The purpose of the visit was to use Mrs. Henning as a supply teacher in the absence of Ruth Kent. Ruth was to be on furlough and there was a need at Bata of a teacher for the missionaries' children. The Hennings went at their own expense to do this missionary work. Since they were retired, it was the fulfillment of a dream and a desire.

Serious illness forced the departure of Mr. Henning from Africa on March 7. Reaching Paris, he became critically ill and was hospitalized. It was while

here that the Lord called him to his heavenly home.

I am impressed not only with the story of a Christian servant but of a Christian idea and principle that I find here. Many people come to the latter days of life with a feeling of uncertainty and want to look back for security. Then, there are others who look forward and ask what there is to be done yet for the Lord. Caleb, in the Old Testament, at the age of eighty-five, asked for a mountain to conquer and an enemy to subdue. That kind of faith in God stirs something in me and creates a feeling of warmth and encouragement. Certainly Ted could have said that it was time to take it easy after years of work and labor. After all, had he not done a great deal already, and wasn't it time to enjoy life at a slower pace? Maybe to hold back would mean the adding of a few more years of life. It all sounds very tempting. But no, that was not the way it was to be.

Ted came back home for the last time—came to the place where he had worshiped and worked. The trip to Africa had cost him and his family something, some very valuable time together, but I am certain that these missed days on earth will be made-up for in eternity. The work that may

have cost him time will be more than offset by the testimony that he bore in this service in Africa.

I admire here the spirit of Christian adventure. The reaching out to do for God a new task at a different time in life. It sets forth a step of faith which has been the basis of accomplishment through the centuries of time. My great regret is that I do not see it more often in our Brethren churches. A willingness to trust God and leave the results in His hands. Yet, I am encouraged and hopeful that this spirit of faith will grow, expand, and multiply and that God will be able to bless us mightily.

The cold wind of March with its wet snow reminded me to stir back to a world of responsibility. Ted Henning came back home to Middlebranch in body only. He is now eternally with the Lord.

There will be many other cold March days, and there will be many services where God's people gather together to pay their tributes to their friends. Let us all hope that there will be many others who will be willing to pay the price of service.

Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner
Editor



Pastor Marion Thomas cares for a perplexing shoestring problem.

After a quiet beginning in November 1969, Pastor Marion Thomas has watched the Fremont Chapel grow into a powerhouse for God, unified by a spirit of Christian love.

WORK AND GROWTH AT FREMONT CHAPEL

By Rev. Marion Thomas
Pastor, Fremont, Ohio

Eighteen months of labor in God's great harvest field has resulted in over 125 decisions for Jesus Christ in Fremont, Ohio. The Grace Brethren Chapel of Fremont has claimed the spiritual principle of Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."

Pastor Marion Thomas began this ministry in November of 1969 and trusted God to bear fruit in their midst from week to week. The unshackled power of the Word of God was demonstrated from the very beginning in changed lives being born of the Spirit of God.

The Grace Brethren Chapel was initiated as a branch work of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont. A small nucleus of Brethren people who lived in the Chapel area became regular in their attending and support of the congregation. The pastor was overwhelmed with the sacrificial and gracious people who rallied in response to the challenge of the Chapel work. Decisions for salvation spaced sovereignly throughout these first months have taught the congregation warmth and expectancy for the working of God in their midst.

Some of the families who have been

sharing this ministry are the Harold Beckleys, the Richard Smiths, the Clyde Lenharts, the Charles Beards, the Floyd Waggoners, and Mrs. Robert Brown. New visions of the need to reach their world with the Gospel compelled them to become involved in sharing their faith.

During the first weeks of 1970, the pastors from Fremont, Bowling Green and Findlay Grace Brethren Churches helped in the first evangelistic meetings. The people became immediately involved and the fires of evangelism were kindled. The outreach pattern of church existence was indelibly stamped in the minds of the people

and results go on.

Dan Waggoner, a student at Grace College, became the youth director in January 1970. He was asked to bring a group of young people from Grace College on the last weekend of every month and have the responsibility of the church services. The young people have accepted this ministry and it has resulted in not only our own vigorous youth work but a Bible class which is held regularly in the nearby school on mornings before school sessions begin.

Visitation evangelism with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Picard came to Fremont Chapel during the summer months of 1970 and many decisions were final-



The growing congregation (above) needs more space than their present facilities (below) allow.



ized in the Sunday services. This soul-winning ministry sponsored by The Brethren Home Missions Council was launched at the "mother church" by instructing the people in the art of dealing with people about their spiritual destiny. New converts won at this time began immediately to share their faith with others. Attendances grew rapidly into the 70's and 80's and this provided a seating problem over which we had no answer.

The Lord solved the seating problem on September 12, 1970, when a gift of 216 steel chairs arrived at the church. The seating problem gave way to a space dilemma and this was solved as the Lord provided a house trailer on Monday, October 26. Richard Smith spent a whole week remodeling the trailer to have two more classrooms.

By the time the first year had gone by, the congregation held its first foreign missions conference. Soon afterwards, the second evangelistic campaign was held. Rev. Larry Gegner, Ankenytown, Ohio, was the speaker and 21 were baptized at the end of the meeting. During these meetings the attendance rose over the 100 mark.

In a new congregation everything that is done is a first. In February 1971, the first threefold communion service was shared. This was a very special blessing because the truth of God's Word was experienced by the 76 people who were present.

As this work was reorganized just

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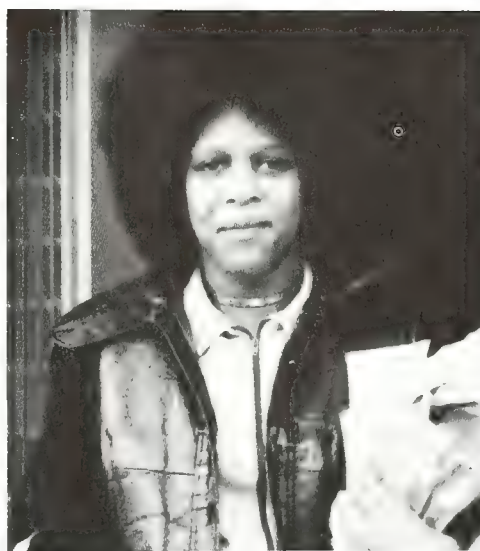
eighteen months ago a committee was formed to give leadership and direction. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of Brethren Home Missions, and Rev. Ward Tressler, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, along with selected laymen and Pastor Thomas served as this committee. The preaching service was scheduled for 9:45 a.m. and Sunday school

at 10:45 a.m. so that people from the "mother church" could help in the services at the Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beckley taught Sunday-school classes at both Grace Brethren and the Brethren Chapel.

Constant shifting and adjusting to accommodate those attending our services brought us to a place of special prayer burden. We need larger facilities. We would ask our friends to join us in prayer for the will of God to be made known to the congregation and The Brethren Home Missions Council for future plans.

God has given much fruit to His laborers in this harvest field. God's love for the spiritually lost is being portrayed in lives of the co-laborers in the Brethren Chapel work. God at work in changing lives has been a miracle to witness. We thank God for allowing us to have a part in His program.





Pictured above are some of the workers that help the Fremont Chapel grow. Top row (l to r): Pastor Thomas with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hines and family; Mrs. Smith and a few members of her Sunday-school class. Middle row: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beard, one of the first families in the chapel; a visitor from Baltimore, Maryland, who received Christ in the service preceding this picture taking; George Barfield, head usher. Bottom row: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waggoner; the children's church group.

In Their Own Words . . .

It was a hot Saturday afternoon when Pastor Thomas rang my doorbell and invited me over to the Chapel. I told him I was going to another church, but he gave me some tracts and literature and left.

I realized there was something missing in my life and was praying God would lead me to a church where I would be fed spiritually. Three Sundays attending the Chapel convinced me this is it—my church home. I have since been baptized and enjoyed a threefold communion.

Surely there is no generation gap here for we are just one big happy family. We have faithful members, both young and old. My prayer is that God will help us get more Sunday-school room. I've seen the work grow from 30 to over 100. I have the faith to believe that He will answer this prayer for us. Praise God for a faithful pastor and family.—*Elma Rigby*

We moved to Fremont, Ohio, as members of another church where we forced our three sons to attend services until they were confirmed. We felt at this point we had done our "religious duty" and they never went to church again.

We had no thought of finding a new church in Fremont, but our seventeen-year-old son changed our minds. Our son began going to the Fremont Chapel in response to an invitation by a friend. This stunned me. This son had never been in any trouble with the law or the school, but I worried about it constantly. I knew he was not happy for he was irritable and almost impossible to talk to. I have since learned that everything I worried about was true and perhaps more. His association with the Christian young people at the Chapel led him to believe Christ was the answer for him. He has since led his two brothers and parents to Christ.

Every day more and more of the teenagers are accepting Christ. Many of them are on drugs. Our son tells me there is only one way to help these young people and that is to have an-

other young person tell them and show them by his life that Christ is the answer.

I feel the Lord brought us to Fremont. We have met so many beautiful Christians here at the Chapel and I praise the Lord every day for bringing us here.—*Mrs. Val Curtis*

I have been a Christian for fourteen years but just during the past year I have seen the fruit of His Spirit. For this time I have attended the Fremont Brethren Chapel and through its ministry I have been drawn closer to the Lord than I have ever been before and I have been used of the Lord more than ever before.

There is the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Christians here and from the first time I walked into the Chapel I sensed a spirit of true Christian love. I am sure it is this spirit that is the dynamic responsible for the growth here.

I am indeed grateful to the Lord for our pastor and his submission to Christ. I am also thankful that after these fourteen years I am now able to use my talents for the Lord. Praise God for His wonder-working power.—*Cathy Lenhart*

A serious illness and need for surgery placed my husband in the hospital. The surgeon called me on February 16 and said he was concerned that Dick might go into shock because he seemed so afraid of the operation. He added, "We will have extra doctors and equipment ready."

Many Christians were praying for Dick as he was unsaved. Pastor Marion Thomas went to the hospital and presented Christ to Dick again. Here he realized he could not help himself and needed greater help. There in the hospital room with our daughter and me present, Dick received Christ as Saviour. The next morning after surgery, the surgeon remarked, "I don't know what happened to Dick as he did

not seem to have any fear when he went into the operating room." How I thank God I could witness to this surgeon about Dick's decision for Christ. After returning home, Dick made his decision public at the Chapel.

We are grateful to Ron and LaDonna Picard who showed us the need for systematic calling and soul-winning. It was a privilege to go calling with them and learn how to present Christ and to see souls come to Christ.

We have so many things here at the Chapel to thank the Lord for but most of all we thank Him for a family that is complete in Christ.—*Jean, Dick and Bruce Smith*

What a thrilling experience to see the hand of God working on every hand here in the Chapel! We see all ages coming to know Christ as their personal Saviour and complete families turning unto Him. God has provided for so many of our needs here.

One of the major needs was Sunday-school space and to care for this a trailer was provided through Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tucker. Now the trailer is filled to capacity and again we need more room. Now we are trusting God to again supply by enlarging our building. It has been a blessing and a strengthening in my life to be a part of the Chapel ministry. God has worked in a wonderful way. "Thank you, Home Missions Board, for re-opening the Fremont Brethren Chapel."—*Mrs. Nancy Brown*

I have watched the Brethren Chapel work grow from zero to over one hundred, and we are still growing. The friendliness of the people is enough to make anyone want to worship here. Every Sunday we have new people that have been reached by our people. The youth here are a challenge and really cause us to go out witnessing for our Lord. The Lord has been good to us in many ways and we pray He will help our Chapel to continue growing.—*Laura Cole*

It is interesting to observe the response of our
Jewish friends to the various truths of the Gospel
which are presented to them.
It is our prayer that some day the
vail over their eyes will be taken away.

By Isobel Fraser
Western Messianic Testimony

Catapulted to the mountaintop or dropped to the valley of despair can be our experience depending on the *response* of precious Jewish friends to the teaching of the Word of God. These experiences become open doors to the mind and thinking of the individual and opportunity to give further scriptural light concerning God's eternal truth.

Discussing the Gospel of John verse by verse in our Thursday evening Bible class has been a new experience for Phil Cariaga. Those in attendance have enjoyed the opportunity to *give* as well as *take* in this informal manner of study. Through this we learn whether or not we are getting the gospel truths across to them and if they are being accepted.

"THEN all Jews not believing in Christ are lost. I don't believe it. That's New Testament teaching." This was J—'s response to the Gospel one evening.

True, all Jews without Christ are lost, but so are all Gentiles. J— and the rest of the class were shown from the

Old Testament that all are sinners, separated from God, and that God wants to give a new heart (Isa. 53; 59:1-2 and Ezek. 36:26-27).

Upon another occasion J— gave a quotation in Hebrew. Her translation was: "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Then to our amazement she referred it to Jesus in the New Testament. What she had quoted was Psalm 118:22. This was made known and that it did refer to Jesus, being fulfilled in His rejection by the leaders of the Jewish nation.

"WHERE does it mention about the lion and the lamb and weapons of war made into pruning hooks? How do you know from the Old Testament there is a second coming?" These were the questions S— brought up in the discussion. "If someone would bring peace, more people, especially Jews, would believe. I know I would."

The answers to her questions were given from Isaiah 2 and 11 and Zechariah 12. The class was warned, too, that peace alone is not proof enough

for identification of the Messiah. True, He is Sar Sholam (Prince of Peace) but God has given many other identifications in the Old Testament that need to be considered. Also, the Word foretold of the false messiah and that peace was to be one of his weapons of deception.

"JESUS came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance," Phil remarked.

"If He had come for the good, He might have done better," H— interjected. "How do you know what sin is?"

Again and again the fact that "there is none that doeth good" (Ps. 14:1) and the scriptural teaching on sin is set forth. Judaism does not accept the doctrine of original sin and stresses mitzvahs (good deeds) as the means of acceptance before God. This is a real stumbling block to Jewish people—to accept Christ and see the Biblical relationship between faith and works.

Visiting in H—'s home sometime after that, she related a discussion she
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RESPONSE



Mr. Richard Dickinson



Top: Charles Turner; Kenneth Ashman. Bottom: Robert Thompson with Lester E. Pifer.

A REPORT ON THE 1971 HOME MISSION WORKSHOPS

SHARPEN UP FOR

A young man stood, turned to a group of young people and adults and said, "Preacher, you had better sharpen up!" He continued by pointing out that today's effective minister must be in constant touch with new methods and ideas if he expects to communicate with our rapidly changing society.

The Word of God is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

God's Word, the number one tool of the home missionary is a most effective weapon in dealing with the ills

and frustrations that plague the welfare of our nation. No one can deny that God's Word has the answer for the problems of today.

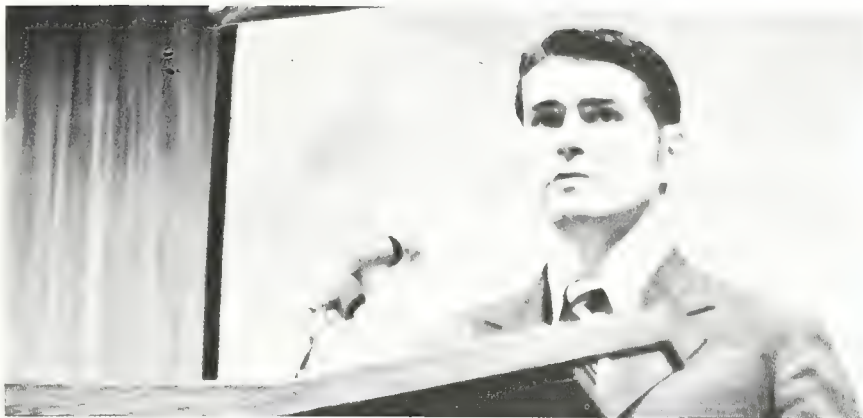
This year's home-mission workshops were based on the idea that we have the answer for today's searching generation. But what about the home missionary? Is he equipped to cope as effectively as possible with the enemy of our souls?

The workshops were geared to help "sharpen up" our missionaries. The man of God who wields the weapon of the Word, like the military strategist, must be quick, powerful, able to cope with the foe. No pastor can be successful and rest upon the laurels of previous education and training. He must keep

abreast of the current issues and major problems that confront us. To fail in this area will ultimately mean being left upon the shelf of ineffectiveness.

Before the workshops began, our staff carefully evaluated the problems missionaries face in building today's church. Then staff members prayerfully planned the programs. We experienced God's unique direction in the planning, particularly in the choice of speakers. We saw God wonderfully bless and bring revival in both the eastern and western workshops.

Mr. Richard Dickinson, professor of Psychology and marriage counselor, dealt in an intelligent and godly manner with the sensitive issues involving human relationships.



Top: Larry Poland. Bottom: Ralph Hall; Ed Jackson.



Miss Alberta Hanson

THE SEVENTIES

By Lester E. Pifer

Dr. Kenneth Ashman conducted a two-hour forum on the current problems of narcotics, homosexuality, abortion and the unwed mother.

Dr. L. L. Grubb's timely lectures in the western workshop stressed the importance and development of the church.

Dr. Herman Hoyt and Dr. John Davis, from Grace Seminary, used the sessions to introduce material in the area of ministerial and archaeological interest.

Miss Alberta Hanson conducted the ladies' sessions in the west on Christian education.

The topic of the pastor's wife and her relationship to her husband, the church, and the congregation was ex-

plored by Mrs. Kenneth Ashman.

The Bible hour speakers were Dr. Kenneth Ashman and Dr. Larry Poland. Both men were exceptionally used of God in the daily challenges from the Word.

Rev. Knute Larson, Rev. Mason Cooper, Rev. Ward Miller, Mr. Ed. Jackson and Rev. Charles Turner also brought challenges at different times throughout the sessions. Robert Thompson, Sherwood Durkee, Ralph Hall and Frank Poland, home-mission staff representatives, also assisted.

Throughout the sessions, groups stopped periodically for prayer, singing and the study of the Word. The fellowship at the meals was interspersed with testimonies of God's

work. Missionaries and established pastors sat together in groups, sharing one another's burdens, praying for one another.

The Holy Spirit inspired ministry of Dr. Larry Poland shook each workshop participant to the depths of his soul. God moved and people responded by confessing sin. Problems of indifference, coldness, and lack of faith were honestly faced.

The sweet fellowship and kindness of the host churches, LaLoma Grace Brethren Church (Modesto, California) and the Grace Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio) will long be remembered.

As workshop participants, we were there to be "sharpened up." God did His work. Praise Him!

RESPONSE

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had had with another Jewess who had not been attending our classes too long. The latter had wanted to know the difference between Judaism and Christianity. "We believe in the invisible God and they believe in the visible God," had been her explanation.

Good, as far as it went. It was pointed out to her that Christianity believed in the invisible God becoming visible. This was the truth that Phil had been bringing out in the discussions in John, especially John 1:1-14. This also was the teaching of Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7. Also, God had at various times in the Old Testament made visible appearances. As we study the Old Testament in our ladies' daytime-discussion meeting, such incidents are especially stressed. Several of these appearances were called to her attention.

"THERE is something I have to tell you. It's like what's his name in the lion's den. Yes, Daniel. A modern Daniel!" M— told me over the phone.

The modern Daniel's story is this. Hearing the neighbor's dog barking, she looked out the window to see a hand reaching over the fence. Thinking someone was breaking in, she went to investigate. The man had on the uniform of one of the utility companies, so she knew that she had been mistaken. Now her concern was that he might be bitten by the dog. She advised him not to go in. The meter had not been read for many months and the man said it was a necessity for him to enter. M— thought that she might help by distracting the dog. Going to do this, she was amazed to see the dog standing at a distance just wagging his tail as the man read the meter.

Returning to talk to the man, he told her that he was a Christian and that he had prayed for the Lord's protection as he entered the yard. Facing dogs was not uncommon in his work, but God had always protected him. He also witnessed to this dear Jewess. She confided that she had come a long way in her attitude toward Christ but was not yet ready to say He was Messiah and God.

This experience so thrilled her that she made a special effort to attend our daytime-discussion meeting so that she

could share this experience with the other ladies.

IN our joy and frustration we are continually reminded of II Corinthians 3:14-16:

"But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in

the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away."

Our prayer is—"Father, help them to turn to the Lord Jesus in faith, believing that He is Messiah and God so that the vail shall be taken away." ❧



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Church News

LEESBURG, IND. Rev. Charles A. Flowers has resigned as pastor of the Leesburg Brethren Church effective May 16. His future plans are indefinite.

KENAI, ALASKA. Attendance was boosted over the 30 mark for the first time when the presence of 15 visitors pushed the record to 34 for morning worship. The Sunday-school high also climbed one notch to 28 with 9 visitors present. Of the visitors, 5 were there for the first time. Herman H. Hein, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. The Forrest Home Conference Grounds was the scene of two retreats in recent months. About 50 Bellflower Brethren attended a "Walking With God" conference Feb. 26-28. Wes Harty of the conference grounds brought the challenges from Ephesians on Saturday. Pastor Cashman led the Sunday service with thoughts from James 1:5. For the weekend of Mar. 5-7, a group of 26 young people attended a retreat with Wes Harty as speaker. Pastor Edwin Cashman baptized 25 people during the first two months of 1971.

KOKOMO, IND. A noon luncheon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Hetrick was held at the Indian Heights church Jan. 31. For over ten years Mr. Hetrick served the church as Sunday-school superintendent and deacon. Mrs. Hetrick was a deaconess for the same period. Following the luncheon, gifts of appreciation were presented to the Hetricks and their daughters Vanie and Rhonda. During a testimony service, many church members expressed gratitude for spiritual encouragement brought by the Hetricks. Mr. Hetrick, employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass and Steel, has been transferred to the home office in Pittsburgh. The family has now located in Coraopolis, Pa., where they are attending the Bon Meade Grace Brethren Church. Richard Sellers, pastor.

STOYSTOWN, PA. Representing five area churches, 74 youth and their sponsors attended the annual youth banquet at the Reading Brethren Church Feb. 27. A spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings was the main course. Presenting the challenge was Timothy Ritchey, an Everett High School senior who worked for a summer with Child Evangelism Fellowship and led many children to the Lord. Other participating churches were Jenners, Somerset, Meyersdale and Listie. Arthur F. Collins, pastor.

CHANGES. Please note the following address changes in your *Annual*. Rev. and Mrs. Jesse B. Deloe, 10581 Hester Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90604. Rev. Albert Flory, 1500 S. Second St., Apt. A, Alhambra, Calif. 91801. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Spicer, 715 Mildred Ave., Somerdale, N.J. 08083, phone 609-627-0246. This will be the mailing address of the Grace Brethren Church of Cherry Hill, N.J., as well.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. A new attendance record of 90 was set at the mid-week prayer service Mar. 10. Pastor Kenneth L. Teague had challenged the congregation to reach this number the week he would be attending the board meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council. They met the challenge.

CHERRY HILL, N.J. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Spicer are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Robert Warren, on Jan. 30.

NEW DATE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

In recent years, many churches have felt that September might be a better time to begin the Sunday-school year. Because of this, many Sunday schools have changed to earlier starting dates for the fall quarter.

After serious consideration, leaders from the National Sunday School Association, various denominations, and Christian organizations recommended that Christian publishers consider an earlier starting date for the Sunday-school year. The first Sunday of September seemed to have the widest acceptance for a new starting date, therefore, the new quarter system recommended is:

Fall—September, October, November

Winter—December, January, February

Spring—March, April, May

Summer—June, July, August

Scripture Press publications will have special material for the July and August months. Gospel Light materials will be available for the regular July, August, September quarter, and also for the new plan which begins with September, October and November. Brethren adult materials will be published for the full three-month period of July, August and September, and then quarterlies will also be available for September, October and November.

Many churches will plan to start their Sunday-school year at the time their public school begins. Others may prefer to continue with the October 1 date.

Remember . . . whichever plan your Sunday school chooses to follow, the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. stands ready to serve you promptly and efficiently. *We want to be of service to you and your church.*

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Findlay, Ohio	Apr. 25-30	Glenn Coats	Raymond Gingrich
Grafton, W. Va.	Apr. 25-May 5	Paul Mohler	Wesley Haller
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	Apr. 25-May 2	Robert Kern	Dean Fetterhoff
Covington, Va.	May 2-14	W. Carl Miller	Allen Herr
Sidney, Ind.	May 9-14	A. Rollin Sandy	Nathan Meyer

LANCASTER, PA. "The Greatest of These Is Love" was the theme for the annual Sweetheart Banquet held by the laymen of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster. Including guests from the new Brethren church in Lititz, Pa., there were 144 in attendance. Mr. Charles Sharpe was master of ceremonies and Mr. Robert Miller brought the message. Arthur N. Malles, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Where in the generation gap would you find teens these days singing songs like *K-K-K-Katy* and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*? It actually happened at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. The senior high young people did their part in bridging the gap by honoring members and friends of the church over age 50 with a Golden Ages Banquet centered around the theme "Once Upon A Time." About 60 guests attended the event, with 15 teens participating in the program. A huge replica of a storybook served as the background and entrance to the stage. A decorative giant beanstalk was added to the decor and the seven dwarfs were silhouetted on the windows of the fellowship hall. Leaders in planning the event were Kris Durkee, decorations; Don Fluke, food; Karl Ashman, program. Participating in the program were Judy Chappell, Abby Uphouse and Becky Kent. A devotional by Dan Moeller concluded the program. Charles Ashman pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Demonstrating the method linguists use in transcribing an unwritten language, Mr. Tom Lyman of Wycliffe Translators gave interesting insight into this form of literary work to the members of the First Brethren Church, Mar. 7. It was a very practical and inspiring session. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. The Flames of MCHS were quenched 45-39 by Lansing Christian in the Midwest-Ohio Christian Conference basketball tournament held at Grace College Mar. 19-20. Eight schools from three states participated in the tournament. Mansfield moved into the finals by defeating Heritage Christian 48-36, and Dayton Christian 47-39.

INFORMATION NEEDED. Any-one living in the Detroit-Ann Arbor, Mich., area who would be interested in starting a Brethren church there, please contact Mr. Clarence Taylor, Box 56, New Troy, Mich. 49119, phone 616-426-4903.

NORWALK, CALIF. Mrs. Lynette Wessel has been named as the new choir director at the Norwalk Brethren Church. Her background and experience give her excellent qualifications for the position. She currently sings with the David Lloyd Singers, a well-known group in Southern California. She is also assistant music director at the Norwalk Christian Day School, teaching all orchestral instruments. The girls of the church enjoyed a "Date with Dad" Mar. 5 at the father-daughter banquet. The Parent-Teacher Fellowship donated their time to make the banquet a success with 240 in attendance. Stan Jensen, pastor.

RADFORD, VA. Which would you do? Listen to a trombone solo by your pastor, or give up in your Sunday-school attendance drive? This is the choice the people of the Fairlawn Brethren Church had. For 13 consecutive Sundays there was an increase in attendance over the previous year. Pastor Roy Glass promised that if we made it 14 in a row, he would play a trombone solo. He also admitted this would endanger any future gains in attendance. That's quite a decision. (Editor's note: We have not received any word on the outcome yet, but we will let you know.)

FINDLAY, OHIO. Dr. Charles R. Smith brought five messages on the subject, Speaking in Tongues over the Mar. 13-14 weekend. Dr. Smith is assistant professor of Theology and New Testament Greek at Grace Theological Seminary. He recently wrote a 500-page doctoral thesis on the subject of tongues. Glenn Coats, pastor.



Captain Lyle Marvin, Jr., being presented his new badge by Division Chief Ben Renfro.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Lyle W. Marvin, Jr., a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church and also the vice president of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men, has been promoted to the rank of Fire Captain with the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. Lyle has been with the department since 1959, and has held the rank of engineer. He attained the promotion to Fire Captain in a promotional examination in competition with 600 other Los Angeles City firemen. (Photo courtesy of Los Angeles City Fire Dept.)

BRETHREN HIGH SCHOOL.

Thousands of screaming fans watched the Brethren High School Warriors get nipped 54-52 in the CIF class A state basketball championship game held at the Los Angeles Sports Area. The double-overtime defeat came at the hands of Chaminade, a Roman Catholic boys' school from the San Fernando Valley. It was a big disappointment for the Warriors who had compiled an excellent 30-1 record. Their only loss during the season was also double overtime.

The Brethren High choir recently received a commendation from the mayor of Los Angeles for a fine performance in singing with the Police Band of Los Angeles. The choir presented an evening of song and testimonies at the Los Altos Brethren Church (Long Beach) Mar. 21. Miss Carleda Hutton is the director.

RINER, VA. A fall on the ice in February put Rev. Kenneth E. Richardson in the hospital for a week with a broken leg. A cast up to his hip made it difficult to get around for a while.

RITTMAN, OHIO. A reception meal to welcome Pastor Robert Russell and family was held Feb. 7. In addition to a fine meal, the congregation presented the Russells with a generous food shower of all sorts of canned goods, including a can of sauerkraut juice. Pastor Russell began his ministry at Rittman in February.

STOYSTOWN, PA. Guest speaker for the morning worship service Mar. 14 at the Reading Brethren Church was Mr. Carl Bilger, executive director of the Highland Lake Bible Conference, Highland Lake, N.Y. Arthur F. Collins, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. Donald Croddy knows a little bit about how God protects His people. After the Sunday evening service at the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Mr. Croddy got in his car to go home. Beside him on the seat was a small canvas bag that did not belong to him. It was an ordinary gym bag, but it did not contain gym clothes. Inside was an explosive device. Police reported that it was set to go off the moment Mr. Croddy opened his car door. In the providence of God, it did not go off. Richard Sellers, pastor.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BELL, Evelyn 57, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, for over 40 years, was promoted into the Lord's presence Feb. 26. James M. Kennedy, pastor.



Mr. Ted Henning

HENNING, Ted R., 66, went to be with the Lord Mar. 17 in Paris, France. He and his wife, Naomi, had served eight months of a one-year term of service at the Bible Center in the Central African Republic. Mr. Henning was born Nov. 9, 1904 at Northampton, Pa. He attended Ashland College, Akron U., Kent State U., and Akron Bible Institute, and received a B.S. in Education from Akron U., in 1939. The Hennings were married Mar. 28, 1931. He taught in the area of vocational education and industrial arts at McKinley High School, Canton, Ohio, for 37 years. At one time he was an officer in the national men's organization of the NFBC. Mr. Henning held a membership in the Gideons. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio. The funeral was held Mar. 23 in Middlebranch, Ohio. Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., and former pastor at Middlebranch, officiated at the funeral service. Dr. W. A. Ogden, president of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, paid tribute to Mr. Henning. Rev. Raymond Johnson, recent pastor at Middlebranch, sang a solo.

HOOVER, Floyd, 73, passed away Feb. 10. He was faithful in all areas to the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio, for many years. Rev. Charles W. Turner officiated at the memorial service, assisted by Rev. Robert Russell, pastor.

HOSTETLER, Atlee W., 76, was called home to be with the Lord Jan. 30. He was an active member of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio. Robert Russell, pastor.

McCLAIN, William N., a willing and helpful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa., passed away Mar. 8. Shimer E. Darr, pastor.

SHAMBERGER, Mattie, 84, passed into the Lord's presence Feb. 28. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

STOVER, Conrad, 84, a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., passed away Feb. 14. He was a brother of Mrs. Retta Virginia Bauman, deceased wife of the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman. He was a charter member of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash. John W. Mayes, pastor.

ZEIGLER, Alverta M., a member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa., for the past 10 years, passed away Jan. 28. Kenneth E. Wilt, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sharon Duncan and Robert Roper, Nov. 14, 1970, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Donna Brumbaugh and Robert M. Moore, Jr., Feb. 13, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Vicki Lee Stitt and Gene G. Marmie, Feb. 19, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Mary Ruth Marksburly and Clement Calvillo, Feb. 25, Downey Memorial Baptist Church, Edwin E. Cashman, officiating.

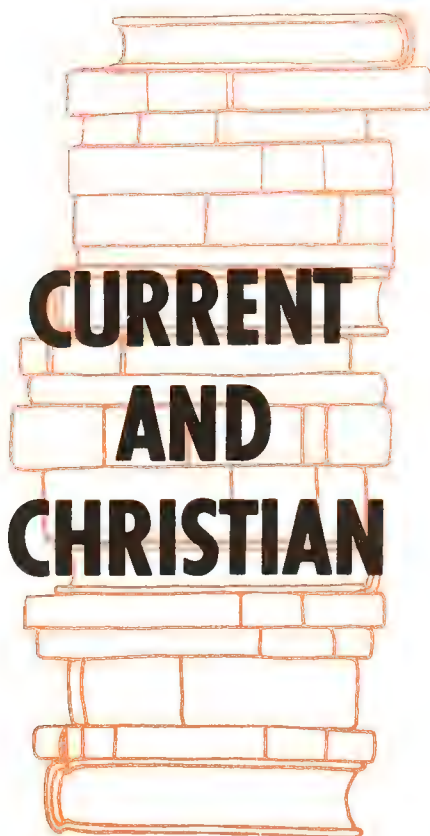
Carol Modlin and Dennis Gregor, Feb. 27, First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Nancy Mutchler and Michael Truex, Feb. 27, 1971, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Darlene Claycomb and Larry Closson, Mar. 6, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Vaun Rinard and Richard Billman, Mar. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Ellen Campbell and John Manchester, Mar. 26, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.



BMH reviews the latest
in Christian publications.

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Daniel, the Key to Prophetic Revelation

John F. Walvoord (Chicago: Moody Press) cloth, 317 pages, \$6.95.

Dr. John F. Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, has in our opinion made a very significant contribution with his new commentary on the Book of Daniel. This book is aimed at the serious Bible student rather than to the average lay person and should be recognized as a reference volume and not a devotional book.

The commentary is written from the premillennial conservative viewpoint and this premise is maintained throughout the book. The author does discuss and points out other approaches, and he suggests where they fall short of a proper interpretation.

The style of the writing helps to make the valued contents of the work very readable. We feel that this book is a must on each pastor's shelf and will aid him greatly in a proper interpretation of Daniel and will serve as a "key to prophetic revelation."—CWT

The Church at the End of the 20th Century

Francis A. Schaeffer (Inter-Varsity Press: Downers Grove, Ill.), 153 pages, cloth, \$3.95.

The name Schaeffer and L'Abri have become familiar to most Christians during the past several years. The latest contribution of Francis Schaeffer is entitled, *The Church at the End of the 20th Century*. It is a book that will disturb, but one that should not be ignored. You may at times find yourself mentally arguing with the conclusions, but I would strongly suggest that you expose your thinking to this thoughtful author.

Based on the premise that the Western culture is dying, Schaeffer seeks the roots of the problems of the day. He traces the changes of science and philosophy that have brought on the student revolution and the thinking of the "Now Generation." He then looks at the present-day population made up of the "silent majority" and concludes that much of the society of our time is living on memories of what has been, rather than what really is. He calls for a revolutionary Christianity within the framework of eight Biblical norms which he finds in the Scripture—he calls them form. Beyond this Biblical form, he calls for freedom of the Holy Spirit to work as the church is directed.

The church faces seven pressures of the future which are a threat, according to Schaeffer. These pressures will come from both the New Left and the Establishment. This book is for the thoughtful and if you do not want a challenge, leave it alone. Its intent is not for morning devotions but a pause to ask ourselves the future of our church at the end of the 20th century.—CWT

Dynamic Devotionals for Men

William J. Krutza (Baker Book House: Grand Rapids) 96 pages, \$2.95.

Another gift book in the Ultra Series by Baker, this comes attractively packaged as do the others in the series. There are twenty-six devotionals in the book, each aimed and written for men. The book is aimed to give thought-provoking help to the Christian man as he lives his life in his working world. The Scripture quotes that begin each chapter are in versions other than King James, this may prove a problem to some. If you have been looking for a gift item with a message to give to a Christian man, here is your answer. Its appearance is good for the eye and the contents good for the soul.—CWT

Report from the Board

The annual board meeting of an educational institution is perhaps the most significant administrative event that occurs during the year, so far as charting the course and direction of the school. Therein the policies, the procedures, the personnel, and the progress of the school are mapped—sometimes for years to come. Such was true in the recent annual board meeting of Grace Schools. All recommendations of the advisory committee were approved. This in itself is an indication that the board is satisfied that the administration is carrying out its policies and plans in relation to the general direction of the school.

The most significant action taken during the entire board meeting was the reaffirmation of the moral and spiritual ideals and standards of the school, as set forth in the Statement of Faith, the catalogs of both the college and the seminary, the faculty handbook of both schools, the handbook of the students, the student pledge, and the faculty contracts. This means that in matters which are basic and foundational, the school has not changed in the thirty-four years of its existence. It is the hope and prayer of everyone vitally associated with this school that this is a token of what will be true in the years to come.

Change is producing a devastating effect upon many schools that were once true to the Christian faith. Failure to reaffirm the fundamental principles of the school causes erosion to take place by default. Changes in personnel often cause infiltration of ideas that are foreign to the original purpose, and without realizing it the school loses its original profile. It is reassuring, therefore, to know, even though there has been a great turnover of personnel in the board of trustees since the school began, that the same spirit and dedication to the Word of God, and the moral and spiritual ideals of the Scriptures continue. This should give real assurance to all those who are

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

vitally interested in this school. This means that definite efforts will be taken to preserve and perpetuate these ideals and standards in the ministry and development of the school, which will continue to make the school relevant to the needs of this generation.

The trustees therefore approved the admissions policy, and instructed that it should be maintained along with the pledge as one of the several factors in attracting and selecting the right type of student for both college and seminary. The dress code was reaffirmed as being in harmony with the ideals of the school, and as befitting those who make a profession of godliness. Attendance at the commercial motion picture theater was disapproved and described as wholly out of harmony for those who profess Christ. The illegal possession and use of drugs was prohibited, and the administration was ordered to use stern methods in dealing with any such problems. In recognition of the serious issues of the day, the administration was authorized to suspend immediately any faculty member or student who might become involved in any disorder, either in the buildings or on campus. No such incident is expected to occur on this campus.

A special directive was given to the administration on the matter of regional accreditation for the college. The original action of the board on this matter was taken more than ten years ago, and during the recent board meeting it was reaffirmed in order to bring it up to date. This directive declared that Grace College exists to honor God and educate Christian young people, and therefore it is important that every safeguard be used to protect the doctrinal position of the school from change or diminution, the

spiritual objectives from being eroded or lost, and the moral standards from being trimmed or lowered. On one point which is at issue today in educational institutions, the board insisted that the pursuit of accreditation should not result in the restructuring of the position of Grace College on creationism as it relates to origins.

The present non-tenured faculty was retained, with the exception of Lowell Miller who is being given a leave of absence for further work toward the doctorate, and J. Paul Dowdy who will be returning to the Argentine mission field. New faculty and staff members were added, and their names will be announced when negotiations are finalized. The following faculty members were promoted in rank from instructor to assistant professor: Roland Fletcher in the field of Physical Education, Verna Felts in Music, Robert Ramey in Christian Education, and Charles Smith in Theology. Three professors were granted tenure: Dr. John Davis in Old Testament and Hebrew, Dr. Charles Henry in Psychology, and John Stoll in Bible.

A reorganization in the area of administration was launched a year ago. This consisted of a special group from the faculty of the seminary, chaired by the dean, and a similar group from the faculty of the college, chaired by its dean, to conduct business peculiar to their division of the school. This reorganization has proved satisfactory, so the board approved its continuance indefinitely. Development of a mobile-home park was approved, and special action was taken to speed development of a new athletic field. In the academic area, the board acted favorably upon a recommendation to launch, as soon as possible, a Business Administration program within the Bachelor of Arts structure. Realizing the pressing need for teachers with the highest academic degree, namely, the

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Grace Is Worth Working For

By Kathy Pfister

Sophomore, Grace College

"If I come to Grace College what are my chances of getting a job?" Rev. Thomas Hammers, who is Alumni Coordinator for Grace College, hears this question over and over as he travels for the Development Department.

Mr. Hammers seemed to feel that it was tougher to secure a job than I did. My idea was that if a student really needed a job he could find one. So when Mr. Hammers inquired how many students worked and how they felt about their jobs, we were curious!

I passed out 500 questionnaires in regards to the problem of work for a college student. Of the 400 that responded, 209 stated that they held either full- or part-time jobs.

One third of the student body is employed by the college. Most of these students are under the Work-Study Program, which provides opportunities to students with limited financial resources. Government aid provides 80 percent of a student's salary. The jobs generally consist of secretarial duties, cafeteria service, and maintenance work.

Various working opportunities are provided by the Warsaw community. Besides the different food establishment chains, there are available jobs with department stores, gas stations, factories, foundries, post offices, and in homes as baby-sitters.

Approximately 27 percent of the students work in the Winona Lake-Warsaw area year around. An additional 38 percent will be seeking employment in the area for this summer. Of these, some will be attending summer school.

What are the main advantages the student finds in his job? Various responses reflected in the poll indicated that "convenience" was a prime factor. Because of the proximity of the employment, it is not too difficult

to arrange for transportation to work. There is also convenience in the fact that several students will hold jobs in nearby areas, thus allowing the advantage of a car pool. Among other advantages listed were the excellent wages and working hours available.

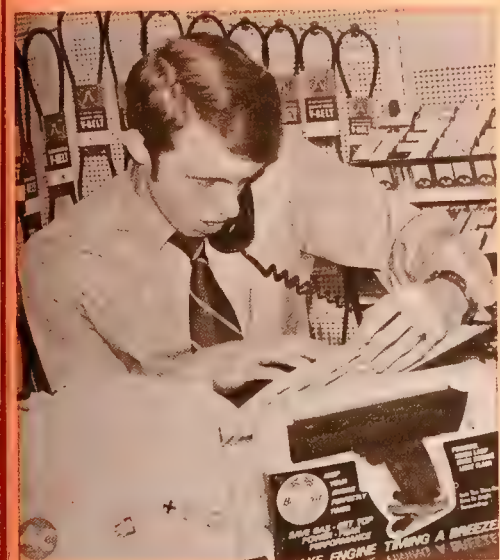
Some found they have even had an opportunity to study at work. One of the greater benefits mentioned was the flexible time schedules some enjoyed. One student said, "My boss lets me take a couple of days off during exam time to study." The students appreciate the individual employers' willingness in scheduling the student's work hours around his academic load. Most of the students work an average of eighteen hours per week with an average academic load of seventeen hours. Some of the students not only carry a heavy work load, but are also married and have families to support.

For every positive aspect that one person may find with his job, another may find the conditions just the reverse. Among the primary disadvantages listed were the poor wages and late hours, no flexibility in work scheduling, little time for studying, and insufficient work hours. Particular disadvantages of the blue-collar workers included noise, dirt and boredom.

The survey showed that it is necessary for most students to work in order to attend Grace College.

Why do students attend a college in which there is definitely more expense involved than at their own state university? I asked various students and they all gave me a similar response, "Not only do you get more individual attention in a small college, but a good Christian college is a rare thing." The students agreed that God's will, and not money should be the determining factor. "... My God shall supply all your [my] need."





The "Joyful Sounds" and the "New Creation," two musical teams from Grace Schools, will be ministering throughout the nation this summer in churches, camps, conferences and youth rallies, from May 30 through August 1.

The "Joyful Sounds" will travel throughout the East Coast, spending approximately ten weeks in concerts and church services, with a special emphasis on personal evangelism. They are led by Roger Mayes, a senior at Grace Seminary. Mayes is from Sullivan, Ohio, and has been Student Body Chaplain and Dorm Supervisor during his seminary days. His wife is the former Ruth Ann Rogers, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Victor Rogers of the Heights Grace Brethren, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mrs. Mayes is the team accompanist and music director.

The other four team members are from four different states: Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and California.

Pam McRae, soprano, is from Coldwater, Michigan, and is a junior in elementary education.

Representing California is Cathy McClellan, a sophomore from San Bernardino. Miss McClellan has participated in the women's ensemble and is majoring in English.

Bruce Sellers of Kokomo is the Hoosier on the team. Sellers is a junior majoring in math education. He has sung in two other musical groups at

Grace and is the tenor for the Joyful Sounds. His father, Rev. Richard Sellers, is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Kokomo, Indiana.

Daryle Emch completes the team. Emch is a junior from Rittman, Ohio, majoring in creative studies. He has been a member of the Concert Choir for the past two years and sang with the Freshman Quartet last year.

The "New Creation" will be concentrating their efforts on the western half of the United States.

Howard Reed, a junior from Dayton, Ohio, will be the leader of the team. Reed plays guitar and sings baritone for the group. At Grace he is president of the Concert Choir and is majoring in Greek.

All three of the men on this team traveled last summer and throughout this school year with the Crusaders. The other two are Steve Lauer and Scott Jensen. Steve plays the trumpet and sings bass. His home is Mansfield, Ohio. Scott, also a trumpeter, is the tenor. While pursuing the music education major he participates in the Concert Band and the Brass Choir, and plays with the Grace College basket-

ball and baseball teams. His home is Lombard, Illinois. Both of these men are juniors.

The three young ladies on the team are Anne Shipley, alto; Sherry Sherwood, soprano; and Susie Thompson, accompanist.

Miss Shipley is from Dayton, Ohio. A junior music major, she plays flute, piano, organ, and sings in the Concert Choir and the Madrigal Singers.

Susie Thompson, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson of Winona Lake, is also a junior music major and serves as accompanist for the Concert Choir.

Sherry Sherwood is a senior elementary education major from Argos, Indiana. She also plays piano and organ and sings in the Concert Choir.

The New Creation, like the Joyful Sounds, is dedicating its ministry to the reaching of the lost and challenging Christians to be active in Christian witness. They hope to have a wide exposure to young people their own age, but feel they have a ministry to all ages. They will be grateful for your prayers in behalf of an effective summer's work.



The "Joyful Sounds" (above, l to r): Daryle Emch, Cathy McClellan, Roger Mayes, Ruth Ann Mayes, Bruce Sellers, (seated) Pam Mac Rae. The "New Creation" (below, l to r): Howard Reed, Susie Thompson, Sherry Sherwood, Scott Jensen, Ann Shipley, Steve Lauer.



Grace Students Reach Out To Area Mexicans

By Mary Sanchez

Freshman, Grace College

"My first thoughts were to get them right with the Lord and then to help them with their physical needs." These were the words of Richard Barbour, a Grace College freshman, as he recalled how the Lord had burdened his heart towards the Mexican people in the Warsaw-Winona Lake area.

Richard works as a taxi driver to help pay his way through college. It was on his daily routes that he had contact with the Mexican families in the vicinity. The language barrier made communication difficult, yet the more Richard came into contact with them, the more he realized their desperate need for salvation. But no one was making any effort to reach them.

Realizing the urgency of their need for Christ and knowing he wasn't able to communicate with them, Richard brought his burden to Arthur Mikesell, a missionary to Guatemala on furlough and now a student at Grace College. Together they set out to get the Gospel to these families. Their first Saturday led them to a very low-cost apartment building, which they later dubbed the "dormitory." As many as eight Mexican men could be found living in a one-room apartment. Several souls were led to the Lord that day and before long they began to realize the need for more workers who were willing to be used of God.

Richard and Arthur started checking in the student body of Grace Schools for willing workers. They were first joined by Don Cameron, a middler in seminary; and Sue Stewart, a college freshman. The work progressed and they were joined by Mary Sanchez and Sylvia Ossen.

In the beginning the men in the

"dormitory" were their only contacts, but from them the group learned of other Mexican families living in the vicinity. Each time they visited, the Word was received with eagerness. They were thrilled to know of the Saviour who loves them despite their condition, and most of all that He offers eternal life.

The small team continued to minister to these families on the weekends, and many more souls were claimed by Christ. Each new contact pointed them in the direction of other families. The team realized that they were going to need even more workers so they turned to the campus organizations: Grace Missions in Action, and the Mexican Evangelism Prayer Band, led by Mary Sanchez. This became the focal point of the outreach to the Mexicans, and Arthur Mikesell took charge of the evangelism and weekly training sessions.

Through the Mexican Evangelism Prayer Band, Grace students became aware of the spiritual needs of the Mexicans. Within a few weeks the number of participating students more than doubled.

On Sundays the students divide into teams. One team visits the men at the "dormitory" and conducts informal meetings with as many as twelve in attendance. Their goal is to get these men growing in Christ and to answer their questions.

The spiritual needs of these men are being met, but their needs do not stop here. They have serious physical needs, too. Many have moved up from the South in search of better job opportunities, but are disillusioned to discover that there are no jobs to be

found. Out of nine men living in a shabby one-room apartment only Francisco has a job. One man's wages can only go so far.

The language barrier is a definite hindrance in acquiring jobs. Recently Dan Pacheco along with a few other families of the Winona Lake Brethren Church pitched in to bring them several bags of groceries. The men's thankfulness for this gesture of friendship was expressed when one man said to Dan, "I can really see Christ working here."

Yes, their stomachs have been temporarily filled, and meantime there are groceries to fill the empty cupboards. But just how long will a few bags of groceries last a hungry group of nine men? And there are still no jobs to be found.

Phil Teran along with two other teams visit the families which have previously been contacted. Most of them reside in cheap two-room homes. Families, such as the Fuentes, have moved up from Texas or Florida in pursuit of higher economic opportunities.

Satan is busy at work and is keeping his grasp on the souls of a reluctant few. Sammy Fuentes, sixteen years of age, already knows the futility of living. He fights the fact that there is life after death and says: "How do you know that there is such a person as God? How can you be sure that there is a heaven, or even such a place as hell?" Sammy knows of social prejudices and has been hardened quite young. He still refuses to believe that Christ is the answer to what life is really all about.

Mr. Rivera has recently made a profession of Christ but alcoholism still has a hold on his life.

Mr. Islas is just on the verge of a conversion, but he raises many questions and then he concludes, "I'm just not ready to accept Christ."

The Lord is richly blessing and is leading Mexican Evangelism to expand into the nearby cities, such as Milford and Pierceton. The student workers trust that very soon these families will group together at one location to have Sunday services.

A consistent follow-up is underway to get the new converts into a study of the Word, and to join the Mexican Evangelism teams in witnessing to

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*are the first letters in the three Greek words
translated "Ministers of Christ."
It's a new organization on Grace campus
for pre-seminary men.*

Thank God man cannot choose the age into which he should be born, for if he could, the majority of Christians would have been placed in "the good old days," that time of which many people talk, but few people can actually place in history.

At Grace College, there is a group of men who thank God that they have been born in this day and age. They view the twentieth century as a God-given time of opportunity in which to serve. For this opportunity they are thankful and excited for anticipated results in their ministry. Consequently, they are now studying at Grace College, looking forward to further study at Grace Seminary.

To those who decry the apathy of today's young Christians in regard to commitment and dedication, it may come as quite a surprise that 56 men, or 18 percent of the 311 men in the Grace College student body have already dedicated themselves to prepara-

tion in theological study for future full-time Christian service. It is hoped and strongly felt that as the student body grows rapidly, this number of dedicated men will increase at a similar rate. These men comprise the newly organized pre-seminary club, Delta Tau Chi.

The three Greek letters, chosen as the organization's name, represent the first letters of three Greek words translated as "Ministers of Christ." The name was chosen as an indication of the club's express purpose, "to provide a vehicle of instruction and fellowship for those planning on a seminary education and dedicated to a career of service for Jesus Christ."

Delta Tau Chi began during the 1969-70 school year as a result of the personal interest of Dr. James Boyer, professor of Greek and New Testament; with the enthusiastic assistance of seminary and college faculty and students desirous of such a fellowship.

By Roger Wambold
Senior, Grace College

After organizational meetings, the composition and approval of a constitution, and ironing out of details, Delta Tau Chi became a functioning organization. The 1970-71 school year saw the full development of the club program.

In keeping with the purpose of fellowship between members, meetings are held twice monthly, one of which is a breakfast meeting held at 6:30 on Saturday morning. In addition to business, each meeting includes a special program and prayer session. The program provides instruction for the members through messages from various seminary faculty members and others qualified to speak of the challenges of the ministry for Christ. One of the most meaningful aspects of the program is the interchange of ideas, questions, and thoughts between individuals, and the establishing of relationships which will continue throughout life.

It is hoped that the success of this year's program will be merely a stepping stone in the growth of Delta Tau Chi. Emphasis in the future will be upon making the program of the club known to the student body by means of regular articles in the college newspaper, chapel programs, and personal contact with those interested in full-time service and seminary preparation. Also, an even closer liaison with the seminary student body and faculty is projected.

The purpose of this discussion is not to lend the impression that God's soul-winning business is overstaffed, for it is inconceivable that the supply should ever meet or exceed the demand in the economy of service. This is to say that God is still dealing in the lives of men, issuing the call to sold-out service, and that the call is being heard, comprehended, and acted upon. It is the fervent prayer of the members of Delta Tau Chi that we may fall into the mainstream of God's program as sold-out servants, and it is our sincere request that all the Brethren people may follow and pray for the club and these men as ministers of Christ. ☛

Seven Grace Administrators Recognized

Members of the administrative staff of Grace Schools are listed in two new publications recently received by the library.

Appearing in the 1970-71 edition of "Who's Who In American College and University Administration" for Grace Schools are: President—Dr. Herman A. Hoyt; Vice President—Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.; Academic Dean—Dr. E. William Male; Registrar and Director of Admissions—Ron Henry; Dean of Summer Sessions—Dr. Jesse D. Humberd; Alumni Coordinator—Rev. Thomas E. Hammers. The Crowell-Collier Educational Corporation of New York, is the producer of this publication.

Mrs. Mabel (Jeanette Crawford) Hamilton, Grace Schools librarian is listed in a very interesting first edition publication entitled, "The Two Thousand Women of Achievement."

This large publication is the work of Kay, Sons and Daughter, Limited of London, and Dartmouth, Devon, England. All of the original questionnaires from which the biographies were written are housed for all time in the famous museum at Dartmouth, England, from which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed to the New World.

STUDENTS REACH OUT...

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other Mexicans.

The opportunities are unlimited, but more workers are needed. Spiritual needs are being met, but the Mexicans still have great physical needs. Remember our Lord's words in Matthew 5:42, as He says, "Give to them that ask-eth."

Pray for these people. Don't just shelve them back in a corner of your mind because you can't personally relate to them.

Also be with Mexican Evangelism in spirit by praying for the college students as they minister to these Mexican families. You've seen what concerned college students can do in the Lord's name—what are you going to do!

Lancer Basketball Wrapup

Two words sum up the 1970-71 Grace College basketball season—successful and promising. Successful in that the team has compiled an 18-10 record and promising in that the team will have all but two players back next year.

The Lancers got off to a good start early in the season as they won the first three games. After losing two games, the team chalked up victories in the next six. Grace then moved into a long series of Mid-Central Conference games. They defeated Concordia twice, St. Francis twice and Indiana Tech once. Goshen, Huntington, and Tri-State each defeated Grace twice. Tri-State captured the MCC crown while Goshen finished in second place.

With the MCC title out to reach, the Lancers concentrated on qualifying for the National Christian College Athletic Association tournaments. After losing to Goshen by a two-point margin, the team posted consecutive victories over St. Francis, Indiana Tech, Trinity,

Bethel and Cedarville. The wins closed regular season play on a 17-10 record. From there Grace moved into the NCCAA district tournament and overwhelmed Michigan Christian College of Rochester, Michigan, 105-63. The win enabled the Lancers to travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the NCCAA national tournament March 11, 12, and 13. This marks the team's third year of participation in the tournament. On the first occasion the Lancers finished in fifth place, and last year's team finished in the number two spot behind Azusa Pacific.

Ron Clase, a 6'3" senior from Warsaw, Indiana, is the team's leading scorer averaging 17 points per game. Larry Christner, a 6'9" center from Peru, Indiana, is next in line with an average of 15 points per game. Both Clase and Christner played their last season with Grace. Primary hopes for next year lie in the return of Butch Shook, Scott Jensen and Keith Hardesty.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

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doctorate, the board doubled its maximum of financial assistance in securing this degree. The summer programs being planned by Dean Kent and Dean Male were highly commended as aids to the educational community and constituency.

Last, but by no means least, in an effort to implement plans for progress as well as meet the escalating costs of this day in which we live, significant actions were taken. In order to retain and maintain a highly dedicated and qualified staff, a salary increase was passed which will be reflected on the contract of each faculty and staff member. To meet this increase in the budget, the board approved a plan to urge the donors to increase their giving by at least 10 percent during the next year. And to supplement this, tuition will be increased \$55 per semester in the college and \$40 per semester in the

seminary.

Campus development projected over the next several years includes a chapel-fine arts building, a third floor added to the college classroom building, or such variations as are deemed wise, as well as the mobile-home park and an athletic field. In order to raise the money for this development, the board of trustees authorized issuance of bonds in the amount of \$450,000, in lots of \$250 and \$1,000 and bearing interest at 6 percent per annum. These bonds can be redeemed upon thirty days notice. Here is the place where students, faculty members, board members, and friends can make a wise and profitable investment, and at the same time share in the progress and development of the school. This appeal is addressed to each of you. Join us in this venture of faith, and thereby express your faith in this educational work of God and your desire to see it prosper. And in any event, pray for the success of this bond program.

Dunlap Resigns Position

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, has announced the resignation of Mr. Russel H. Dunlap, business manager and treasurer of Grace Schools and the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Dunlap has indicated he will become general manager of Metaline Products, Inc., of Elkhart, Indiana, as of September 1, 1971.

Dr. Hoyt stated that Dunlap has been one of the "key" men in the steady growth of Grace Schools, and his resignation is being accepted with deep regret.

Mr. Dunlap came to Grace Schools in 1962, from Boston, Massachusetts, where he was the District Regional Manager for RCA for seven years. He received several awards and citations for his managerial skills with RCA.

During the last nine years, Dunlap has been instrumental in the rapid financial growth of Grace Schools. Total assets of the schools have increased from \$1,400,000 in 1962, to \$5,000,000 in 1971. In addition, Grace Schools assumed control and management of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly in 1968, and Dunlap has been handling the business affairs of both corporations since that time.

In 1965, Dunlap initiated the formation of the Christian Business Men's Committee for the Warsaw-Winona Lake area. The CBMC is now well established and is generating keen interest among Christian men in the community.

In his new position, Dunlap will be the chief operations and financial officer for Metaline Products, Inc., which makes parts for mobile homes. The Grace Manufacturing Company, located in Warsaw, is a subsidiary of Metaline Products, Inc.

Dr. Hoyt indicated that a man of Dunlap's ability and personal integrity will be difficult to replace.

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Messner New 'Quad C' Exec

Richard G. Messner, director of development, Grace College, has been elected vice president of the Christian College Coordinating Council.

A growing national organization, the council now consists of thirty-one evangelical Christian schools concerned about working together to serve the needs of Christian youth.

Other officers of the council are: Dr. Arthur Klem, Trinity College, president; Grant Hoatson, Fort Wayne Bible College, secretary; and Homer Jackson, Spring Arbor College, treasurer.

Membership in the council is limited to those colleges which through their own written doctrinal statements and representatives unreservedly subscribe to the doctrinal statement of the council. Member colleges are also required to subscribe to commonly accepted practices and ethics in areas of mutual concern.

"Christian Colleges Working Together" is the theme of the very attractive, award-winning council display which is being used at Sunday school, Youth for Christ, and other conferences.

A new brochure, "Get the Facts on Christian Colleges," is being used to challenge inquirers to get information on the cooperating schools.

Just remember—if you see the display or brochure somewhere, it's a boost for Grace. We belong.

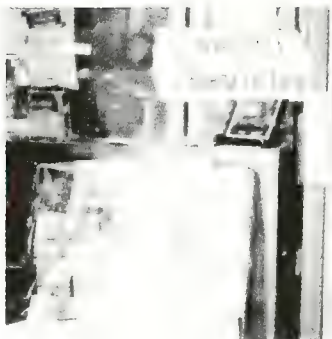
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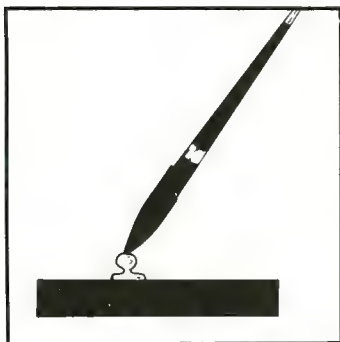
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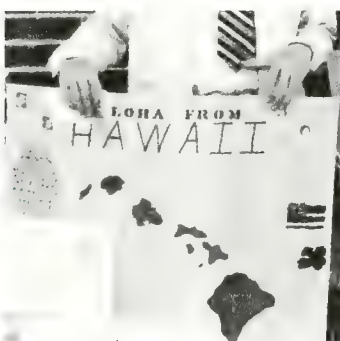
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Thoughts About Stability and Stagnation

Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

In my association with the work of the church, I have noted two forces at work that are so close together in appearance, but so far apart in results that it has bothered me. I have learned to admire stability and come to dread stagnation. It is very easy to have one and call it the other. For many people who appear to be stable have just become stagnant.

How are we to tell the difference? There are guidelines established that are quoted by many of the Bible writers. Paul especially notes the virtue of stability in the Christian life and exhorts the church to be firmly established. David in the Psalms speaks of "a tree planted by the rivers of water." We all admire the child of God who bears this rare and valued trait. Churches are built on such a solid foundation of dependable workers. Nevertheless, it seems that in each good positive virtue of life there is a danger of misuse and lack of understanding. In the presence of stability there needs to be a guard against stagnation. We should use care to see that we do not establish ourselves to the degree that we are not open to progress both of growth in spirit and awareness of methods of using God's truth. In becoming a "pillar in the church" beware of gathering too many cobwebs.

Paul presents the basics for us in the Book of Ephesians 3:17, "that ye, being rooted and grounded in love." Here he gives us the key to the prob-

lem and the answer—*rooted* speaks of growth and *grounded* speaks of stability—the twofold stance of the dedicated believer.

Let me make my point by means of an illustration. A telephone pole is *grounded*. It is firmly established in the earth. It fulfills a purpose by remaining in place and being stable. It was once a tree but its roots have been severed and growth is no longer possible. There are no limbs, no leaves and no fruit. You cannot say a great many negative things about a telephone pole unless you should accidentally bump into it with your car. Its good stable condition remains its greatest virtue.

Now let's look at the word *rooted*. This gives me a picture of being established. The average tree does not move around in the front yard or the woods! It stays in one place but there is life and activity. The reason? It is rooted and it draws water from the ground and the sun helps the leaves and the tree to carry out the processes of

growth and to bring about fruit production. Now we have the value of stability plus the virtue of growth and life. The telephone pole has lost something in its stability but the tree with its roots has not.

As Christians it is so easy to attend the services of the church, to sit in the same pew year after year, to give to the organizations of the church, and to fulfill our responsibilities to the organization and to become stagnant in our experience with God. There must be life that comes from being "rooted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17). Remember, Jesus came to give us life in its highest and most abundant form not to cement us into an unproductive, unmoveable situation in life. ☛

"WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT"

A young woman suggested we turn the page of the Bible in our show window. She explained that her boss, who is Jewish, and his Jewish friend, read the portion every day.

Here is a story that must be told—a story about a man who saw a bookstore as the tool through which he could bring the blessing of God to hurried, busy, frustrated people who otherwise would not stop to listen to the words of a mere preacher of the Gospel.

The man's name is Hill Maconaghy. The bookstore is located in a busy arcade building situated in a suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina, known as Lomas de Zamora. Listen to Mr. Maconaghy's written story given to the FMS board at its recent meeting:

The first customer in the store was a young Argentine girl who purchased a Bible. A short time later she returned and bought another one for her boyfriend, a Japanese. Since she had a dress shop in the same arcade where we are, we had many opportunities for contact with them and finally were able to get them to attend some gospel meetings with us. After one of these meetings the young lady accepted the



Rev. Hill Maconaghy operates the Lomas Bookstore.

Lord as her Saviour in our home. Later they were married; now they have three children, and live in a town next to Lomas de Zamora, going toward the capital. We continue to have contact with this family for the Lord.

Right next to our bookstore is a shop where the wife of the owner, having had close contact with the Gospel by means of the bookstore, has come to know Christ as her Saviour. Evidence of the reality of her conversion was her concern for her family to hear the same message. Arrangements were made for us to go to her father's

home where she had gathered together her parents, aunt and uncle, and sister and children. Several hours were spent opening the Word to them. This was not the only occasion but many other times we have visited in this home. The door is open. They live in a city farther in toward the capital.

This lady also took us to see her aunt who was seriously ill, just prior to her death, and we had the opportunity of at least telling her the good news of salvation. The Lord knows the result of that visit.

A man who was rather a new Chris-

tian began to be carried away by a false doctrine. Since he frequented the bookstore, through wise counseling and providing him with sound books on the Scriptures, it was possible to establish him in his Christian life. He is now a radiant Christian and a constant visitor to the bookstore.

We recently received a request from an employee in a nearby shop. She asked Susana, our bookstore clerk, to occasionally turn the page of the Bible we have in our display window. She later explained why. Her boss, who is Jewish, and his Jewish friend read the portion every day.

A number of years ago there was a well-known criminal in Argentina known as Pibe Avellaneda, who later came to know the Lord. His life story has been published in a book which is sold in the store. Susana, our employee, loaned a copy to a girl working in a pocketbook shop close by. This girl left her work but left the book in the shop. Her employer, a man of means, found the book and came to our store to ask if it was not from there and how much it cost. He knew of Pibe Avellaneda as a criminal but did not know what happened to him afterwards. He purchased the book. The next day I asked him what he thought of it. He said it was marvelous. He said that he is a Catholic by tradition but that the Gospel which had transformed Pibe was wonderful. He was going to lend the book to a friend who also knew the Pibe of before. Mr. Avellaneda, who still lives, visits our store, and I have promised to introduce these two.

There is quite a revolution taking place within the Roman Catholic church in these days in Latin America. Thus it is that an eighteen-year-old youth, who is leader of a group of about ten boys of the Legion of Mary, comes into the bookstore to buy Gospels, New Testaments, and Bible study helps to use in teaching this group of boys. He has all sorts of questions and asks all kinds of counsel. What an opportunity this has been and continues to be.

During a long time a young Catholic priest, wearing his priestly robes, came into the bookstore. At first he would argue on points of doc-

trine. Gradually he began to buy New Testaments and then other books such as *Peace With God* by Billy Graham. A few months ago he came into the bookstore. Neither my wife nor I was there, so he told Susana to tell us that he had left the priesthood. His story is thrilling. The bookstore had a part in it.

These cases could be multiplied but this gives you an idea of the spiritual ministry of the bookstore.

From its very inception the Lomas de Zamora bookstore ministry has had as its goal the salvation of souls, the opening of homes to the Gospel, and Bible study classes with the end view of planting Brethren churches in new fields as a result of these contacts. Therefore, at the present moment and looking into the future, how do things stand in regard to this?

There is already a small Bible study class with a family in the capital of Buenos Aires. There is also another family, living ten blocks away, who we are endeavoring to interest in the Gospel. There is an opening for Bible studies in a home in the city of Lanus, that of the family we mentioned before.

The ex-priest has a farm about twenty miles to the south of Lomas, close to another city. He, as well as other members of his family, reads English, so we are passing on to him the *Decision* magazine. His mother teaches English and uses the magazines with her pupils although we do not believe she is converted. We have been invited to visit them and plan to do so soon. Another Bible class could possibly open up.

However, the most thrilling development of all is that recently there has been a request on the part of at first a few and then of quite a group, to have a Bible study class in Lomas de Zamora. Some of these folks are saved, and some are unconverted but interested; there could be close to twenty. Three of the Christians are interested in becoming members of the Brethren Church. The ex-priest has asked me to advise him when the classes will begin because he wishes to attend. The young Catholic leader of the group of boys of the Legion of Mary says that he will attend and may be able to

bring some of his group.

This is the story to the present. But it isn't ended yet. Hill Maconaghy and his faithful wife and helper, Dorothy, will be coming home soon for a year's furlough. In their absence Paul and Dortha Dowdy will be returning to this land, which was home to them for many years, to continue the work God has started in Lomas de Zamora. Their goal: to establish a church among the believers who first heard the Gospel because God's man saw an opportunity in a bookstore to put it to work to communicate a message to people who would not otherwise listen.—RWT

Looking down the busy street from the bookstore.



His Moslem friends never did believe it. They even turned his face toward Mecca when he died. But the calmness on Garaba's face proved he had the assurance of going on to a better "village."

A MOSLEM COMES TO CHRIST

(FMS editor's note: According to Dr. Floyd Taber, Garaba is the first Moslem convert to Christianity in the history of the Brethren mission. Miss Hull tells the story.)

Garaba Osseman is an Arab. He was born in Nigeria and grew up in the Moslem religion. Perhaps through his wanderings in keeping cattle, or perhaps because of his passion for hunting, he eventually ended up in C.A.R. Now, I've seen no wild animals bigger than monkeys since my arrival in Africa, and I'm told this is partly due to Garaba. He was a real hunter. He had ten porters to carry home the meat of one day's hunt. Some days he killed more than one elephant. He told me he met Dr. Harold Mason out in the bush one day and poor Dr. Mason

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had not gotten anything. "So I gave him a gogoa" (a wild buffalo).

Garaba's life has been pretty tame these past few years, with no more animals to kill. He purchased a little store about twenty-five kilometers north of the hospital, and we have seen him here from time to time. When his wife delivered a nice baby boy here at our hospital, he sent all the missionaries a filet. And he told me his son was going to grow up to be a doctor, a missionary doctor, "because they know how to love people."

About three months ago Garaba came into the hospital as a patient. He wanted his hernia repaired. But he had to have filaria treatment before the

doctor would touch his hernia, so he was around here for several weeks. He was a likable fellow, and much more friendly to missionaries than are most Arabs. He always carried his waterpot and went through the ceremonial cleansing and prayer chanting. But he did not refuse to listen to what we had to say. I think from the very beginning of his stay many of the African nurses were burdened for his salvation.

Eventually Garaba had his hernia repair but it was slow in healing and he complained of lots of pain in the lower abdomen. We began to look upon him as a chronic complainer and sort of joked about it. However, one day his condition became acute and Dr. Walker had to do surgery again, only to discover that Garaba had cancer of the bladder. This was a blow to all of us. Now Garaba was our friend. What could we do to help him? Mary Cripe took him to Bangui to see if he could get any help from the big hospital there, but they only confirmed the diagnosis, saying that the cancer had spread to half the bladder.

Now you want to hear how Garaba was miraculously healed. We prayed for this. But God used this illness to bring about a much greater miracle. Many people were praying for Garaba by this time. Missionaries on several of our stations had heard of his need and many people in the States were praying too. The nurses witnessed to him, and he began to listen and to think.

God used Garaba's illness to bring him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I was the happy one to hear the news first, though I was by no means the only one involved in witnessing to him. I had just helped him into the treatment room and was about to change his dressing. He was suffering severe pain when he said, "Mademoiselle, this thing that is going to kill me, it's getting close, isn't it."

"Yes, it is," I told him frankly, "and that is the reason why you must fix up your affair with God."

"Oh, there's plenty of time for that yet."

"No, there isn't, Garaba," I told him. "You don't know what your mind will be like tomorrow and God says today is the day, not tomorrow."

"But you don't understand," he said. "I have fixed it up."

"How have you fixed it up, Garaba?"

"I've talked to God about it."

"But which god did you talk to? You must talk to the God who is powerful enough to forgive your sins."

"Mademoiselle," he said slowly and deliberately, "I prayed to God, the Father of Jesus Christ, and I said, 'God, don't forget this man You made and put on this earth. Look on him and think of him and forgive him because of Jesus Christ.' Mademoiselle, I've asked God to forgive me over and over and over, many times."

"Garaba, you only have to ask Him once in the name of Jesus Christ, and He will forgive. He's big enough, and powerful and loving enough to do that." I could hardly keep back the tears. Then I said, "Garaba, for you death won't be a thing to fear. You will have this suffering for a while, and then death, and then all the rest of your days with God in His village. And soon we will be with you there, and it will be so wonderful for us all to be together up there."

"I know that." He said it very confidently.

Garaba's Moslem friends come around and try to say their prayers and do the special things they want to do for one who has not long to live. But Garaba tells them: "Dr. Taber comes and prays with me every day, and that is enough." He has a lot of suffering to endure yet. He has two young sons. One of them has already been taken by one of his Moslem friends. Pray for his wife, Rachel, who is a young Christian, and who will at his death become the wife of his Moslem brother, according to Garaba.

This is a beginning. May it be the opening for which we are praying to reach our Arab friends for Christ.

A postscript to this story, written several weeks later:

Garaba died on the first day of March. This Arab man who had been under our care for five months, had become someone very special to us. As

we watched his futile struggle with cancer and saw him stand firm in his newly found faith in spite of the concerted efforts of his Moslem friends, our admiration for him grew. Just a few nights before he died he called for Dr. Taber and the nurses to come and pray with him. It was our special blessing to be able to comfort him in his hours of need. Somehow it didn't seem to make much difference that at the moment of his death his Arab friends were there to swiftly turn his face toward Mecca, to douse his body with their incense, and to perform the other rites special to them. He was at last beyond their reach, safe with his heavenly Father and Christ who had gone before to prepare a place for him. As I sat there on March 1 and looked at his wasted body but thought also of the calmness and peace with which he had waited death, I thanked God that He had given me the opportunity of seeing this man come to Christ.

First, a cadet; now—

Full Fledged for France

To fledge is to acquire the feathers necessary to fly. Larry and Vicki DeArmey are just completing the process and this September will wing their way to France as full-fledged missionaries.

Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Larry at an early age accompanied his family to Winona Lake, Indiana, where his father studied for five years in Grace College and Seminary before becoming pastor of the Waterloo, Iowa, Grace Brethren Church. When Larry was in high school his father was called to pastor the Winona Lake Brethren Church, and Larry has made his home in Winona Lake until the present. After high school graduation he studied for four years in Grace College and then one year in Grace Seminary.

It was during that seminary year that he and a classmate, Dan Hammers, worked out with the Foreign Missionary Society the plan for a short term of service in France. They were dubbed "cadet missionaries," and during their fifteen months of service there both became convinced that God would have them in France as full-time workers.

Nevertheless, they realized that they needed to complete their training, and they returned to the U.S. in time to re-enter seminary in the fall of 1966. During the year God revealed to both Larry and Dan the young women who were to be their respective help-mates, and both couples were married in the summer of 1967. Dan and Sherry Hammers are now serving in France. Larry and Vicki DeArmey hope to join them soon.

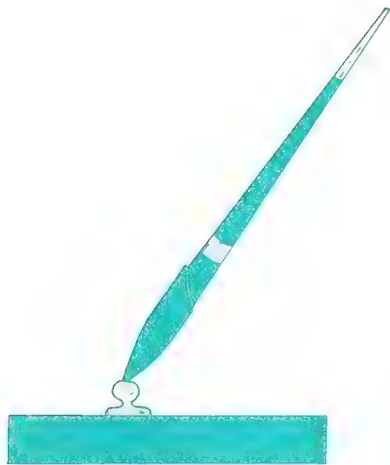
Vicki was born and reared in Hagerstown, Maryland. The summer before her junior year in Grace College she dedicated her life to the Lord for foreign service, and the following fall she met Larry DeArmey who had just returned from France. Marriage followed graduation and Vicki taught in an elementary school for two years before their little daughter, Ginette Mireille, was born in August, 1970.

The DeArmeys are facing the appointed course of all fledgling missionaries with the purchase of outfit and underwriting of support as necessary milestones to be passed before they try their wings and head for France.



Larry, Vicki and Ginette DeArmey

Pray for them in the many details of their preparation. You can assure completion of their fledging by giving your gifts to the DeArmey outfit and support funds soon.



LOVE BY CORRESPONDENCE

File cards, heat, dust, scurrying to get correspondence course booklets in the mail, correcting examinations, all add up to love by correspondence.

There are not many cards in the file. Only 212. But that means 212 people who have shown some interest in personal Bible study. That means 479 books mailed to students all over the Central African Republic. That means many examinations graded and returned. And it all means love by correspondence.

In going through the files, the name of Bouar keeps making its appearance: "Address?—Bouar." Seen so often it made an impression. The urge to go to Bouar to find these people and interview them kept recurring. And the conviction grew that this was what the Lord wanted us to do.

How does one go to a strange city, where he knows no one, and find the people who should be found? There is only one thing to do—go. So we went—Rosella Cochran and I.

Within hours of our arrival, people began to come to us. A city is a city because there are many people there. And people are people. They tell things to each other. Soon we were surrounded by eager people who were plying us with their questions. A house was supplied to us for our stay, wood and water brought to us, gifts of food, and even a young man to work for us. Never have we had a more loving reception. Each morning the young man came with a loaf of bread, a gift from the Christians. Each noon we were taken to the home of one of the local Christians and given a delicious meal.

Soon daily meetings with the women were arranged for different parts of the city. Each evening saw the arrival of many guests who were eager

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to talk about God's Word and work. Many cups of tea and plates of cookies disappeared during those precious evening hours. Each night we heard the same cry: there is a lot of work to be done for the Lord, so pray for us.

As we reflect on the experiences of the few days spent at Bouar, we remember the joy the people seemed to have because someone many miles away cares for them and prepares lessons so they can study God's Word. And we remember the delight of their welcome to us because we thought enough of them to travel the many miles of bad roads to visit them.

So, loaded with gifts, we returned to the files, the rush of getting books in the weekly mail, and the pressure of preparing new lessons. But we are refreshed, for we have found love by correspondence.

A letter from Miss Ruth Snyder to the FMS office, accompanying this article explains:

I have tried to tell some of our experiences in a short write-up for publication. But there are many things I could not say in a short account, or in public. Many years ago, while I was a new missionary, I was warned not to send home glowing accounts of national Christians as that seemed to subject them to severe attacks by the devil. My years of observation have told me that that advice was sound. Of course, it raises a problem—how can we share our experiences with those who send us here and yet protect those to whom we have been sent? So I have refrained from telling about the people we met

at Bouar. But I am sure that if I tell you, you will find a way to get folks at home praying for the work here without calling attention to individuals.

All my many years in Africa I have grieved because we never seem to be accepted as people among people. My delight at Bouar was due to the fact that there Rosella and I were so received. The people at the church there are important people in the community. They have high positions, and they are attracting more and more of the educated classes to their services. May they win many for the Lord. There are five places in the community where the Brethren Church gives the Gospel to over two thousand people every week. There is not one ordained man there. All these places are cared for by these people who care. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina will be going to one of the churches next month. (How I will miss him! We have worked together for twenty years!)

These people did not say *GIVE*, *GIVE*. Instead they gave. If they wanted us to go to the army camp, they called a taxi and paid for it. We did not have a car there, which in some ways was a blessing, for we saw what they will do for us.

To go back to the local leaders, one man who is a commercial man, the owner of several stores, told me that although he is a big businessman, the thing he loves best is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is one of our correspondence course students. Another is a lieutenant in the army, another a well-educated man who is now taking a course in mechanics. These are the people we found as well as many more. Pray for this group of saints.

And pray for me and the correspondence courses.

One Week to Evangelize

One car, four flat tires, eight musicians, nineteen meetings, one hundred fifty musical numbers sung and played, approximately seven hundred decisions by young people, 3,700 kilometers of road traveled here in the Central African Republic! Those are the statistics, for those who like them, for one week—February 7 through 14.

But an evangelization campaign in the high schools and junior colleges cannot be summarized by figures. Words such as “unforeseen,” “unexpected,” “enthusiastic,” and “alive” must also be used. In the eight large centers which were visited, not once did things occur in the same way as far as the preparation, advertisement, and cooperation of local Christians were concerned.

Upon our arrival for a meeting, the first question asked was, “What has been done, and what has not been done?” As soon as the situation was clear, it was necessary to arrange for the food and lodging for the eight musicians. There was great variation, ranging from complete indifference to profuse hospitality. For ourselves, we had with us all that we needed for sleeping and eating. Sometimes these things were needed but at other times it was not even necessary to unpack a towel as all had been prepared in advance for us. For our musicians there were many instructive experiences in contacting young Christians in the government schools and realizing their difficulties. They had opportunities to

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exchange ideas, give advice, and encourage the use of the Bible studies which had been distributed in October for study groups.

We realized that the young people were ready to do something but the lack was in experienced Christians to guide their activities. Sometimes a missionary considers the difficult work among the students as an important part of his ministry. In these instances the youth groups are going forward. But more often there is neither an African pastor nor a missionary who wants to work with the youth in the schools. Also, the youth are confused and have a poor existence.

At Grimari there is a technical high school with seventy students. The new director is a real Christian who helps the small group of Christians in his school. He told us, “The more Christians I have, the less I have to discipline the students.” This man had made all the preparations himself for the meeting which we held there, including placing of benches in the largest classroom. He was present with four of his teachers, and fifty-five of the seventy students were also present for the music and the evangelistic message. When the invitation was given, twenty-seven raised their hands. Upon seeing this response the director announced that he would buy ten Bibles for the students. We know that this gesture will bear fruit.

In addition to the schools we were able to visit several former Yaloke students who are now government officials, teachers, employed in courts, or with the police. Satisfied with good salaries, they were just enjoying life. But as the years passed, they have realized that life is empty. As one said, “In short, what is my life accomplishing?” For these young men there is something which answers their need in part. It is a church service in the French language. For them French is a language which they have studied and used since primary school and they want to be able to study the Bible in it.

In Bangui the French church service is well attended (more than 500 each Sunday). In some centers a French service is being tried for the first time. However, many times it is at 6:30 a.m. and in a church which is not centrally located. The greatest need is for someone to direct and guide these services. In most places there is no one! Two former students from Yaloke, upon seeing these needs, have expressed a desire to attend the School of Theology at Yaloke. But there are many problems to be solved: administrative vacation, financial needs for school, and a means of supporting the family. We would also like to organize a summer course that would be designed especially for the government officials who want to take an active part in the organization of the French church service. Will you pray for this project, that this urgent need might be met!

In closing we want to present another subject for prayer. During our travels in October to visit the colleges and high schools, we realized that the government was using around thirty Russian teachers. These teachers come with two-year contracts. We ordered some Russian New Testaments with Psalms from the *Maison de la Bible*. We asked our former students to give each professor a New Testament. Since a nice inscription was written on the flyleaf, it will be difficult for the professors to refuse this gift. Pray for this project.

Musical groups like this are effective tools of evangelism in Africa.



German Evangelicals Form Significant Document

Part 4

A document called "The Frankfurt Declaration" was signed by eminent German theologians and missiologists on March 4, 1970. In view of the many attacks against historic Christian faith which have come out of Germany, it is refreshing to see a statement which takes such a positive stand on the Scriptures. Evangelical leaders in the United States have labeled this as one of the most significant developments in missions. We would have to object to the wording in a few places; however, we still feel that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches should be aware of the document. This small segment of German evangelicals who have courageously taken a stand for the evangelization of the world needs to know that in this expression of faith others stand with them.

This is the fourth and final installment of the Declaration.

THE FRANKFURT DECLARATION

on the Fundamental Crisis
in Christian Mission

Seven Indispensable Basic
Elements of Mission (cont.)

7. "And this gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the earth as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

We recognize and declare:

The Christian world mission is the decisive, continuous saving activity of God among men between the time of the resurrection and second coming of

Jesus Christ. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, new nations and people will progressively be called to decision for or against Christ. When all people have heard the witness about Him and have given their answer to it, the conflict between the Church of Jesus and the world, led by the Antichrist, will reach its climax. Then Christ himself will return and break into time, disarming the demonic power of Satan and establishing His own visible, boundless messianic kingdom.

We refute the unfounded idea that the eschatological expectation of the New Testament has been falsified by Christ's delay in returning and is therefore to be given up.

We refute at the same time the enthusiastic and utopian ideology that either under the influence of the Gospel or by the anonymous working of Christ in history, all of mankind is already moving toward a position of general peace and justice and will finally—before the return of Christ—be united under Him in a great world fellowship.

We refute the identification of messianic salvation with progress, development, and social change. The fatal consequence of this is that efforts to aid development and revolutionary involvement in the places of tension in society are seen as the contemporary forms of Christian mission. But such

an identification would be a self-deliverance to the utopian movement of our time in the direction of their ultimate destination.

We do, however, affirm the determined advocacy of justice and peace by all churches, and we affirm that "assistance in development" is a timely realization of the divine demand for mercy and justice as well as of the command of Jesus: "Love thy neighbor."

We see therein an important accompaniment and verification of mission. We also affirm the humanizing results of conversion as signs of the coming messianic peace.

We stress, however, that unlike the eternally valid reconciliation with God through faith in the Gospel, all of our social achievements and partial successes in politics are bound by the eschatological "not yet" of the coming Kingdom and the not yet annihilated power of sin, death, and the devil, who still is the "prince of this world."

This establishes the priorities of our missionary service and causes us to extend ourselves in the expectation of Him, who promises, "Behold! I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

This declaration was unanimously accepted by the "Theological Convention," a regular meeting of theologians who want to be faithful to Scripture and confession, at their session on March 4, 1970, in Frankfurt, West Germany.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

MISSIONARY HELPERS HERE AND THERE

TROY, OHIO



The boys and girls of the MHC at Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio, sent Christmas cards and notes to children in Brazil. Recently as speakers for one meeting they had Rev. and Mrs. Randall Maycumber, who are missionaries to Brazil. They also heard Mr. Tom McDairmant from Africa. The children enjoyed hearing the missionaries, and they were able to learn more about Brazil and Africa.

The four boys in the back row in the picture are Tim

MYERSTOWN, PA.



Lori (left) and Tracey Findley of the Grace Brethren Church, where Rev. Luke Kauffman is pastor.

Walters, David Meek, Daryl Harris, and Chuck Baker. Middle row: Linda Baker, Jane Willis, Jean Willis, and Jon Volovski. Front row: Billy Willis, Doug Baker, Mike Walters, Mark Davison, and Becky Meek.

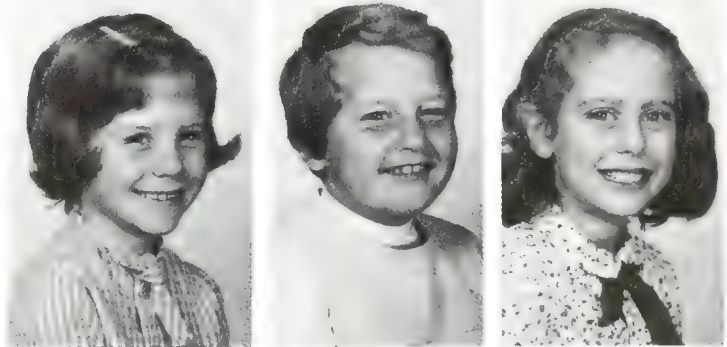
Leaders of this MHC are Mrs. Edwin Baker and Mrs. Howard Walters, and pastor of the church is Rev. Mike Volovski.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

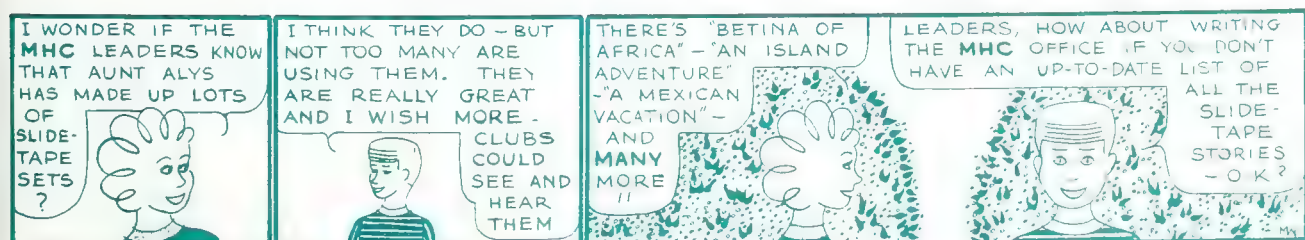
The Primary church at Grace Brethren of Hagerstown has an average of sixty to sixty-five children attending each Sunday. These three girls are among the children who have memorized Scripture and have learned to pray for the missionaries.

Left to right: Jodi Ann Mongan, Louella Dorsey, and Kelly Nigh.

Mrs. Howard Dorsey is leader and Rev. Robert Collitt is pastor.



HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY



Church News

OKEECHOBEE, FLA. The church was "swamped" with good reports for the first quarter of 1971. There were 15 baptized and brought into the church membership; the church sanctuary was painted; the parsonage was repaired; new cribs were bought for the nursery. On Palm Sunday, the church hosted the Grace College Brass Choir. A carry-in dinner followed the morning service. On Easter Sunday evening, the local choir sang a cantata written by the director, Mrs. Terry Jones. Gerald Root, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The call from the congregation of the Community Brethren church to be their pastor was accepted by Rev. John Mayes. He is currently the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash. He, with his family, will be moving to Whittier in June. At the present time Dr. Charles Mayes, father of John, is the interim pastor of the Community church.

DAYTON, OHIO. Jerry Phillips, former professional football player with the New Orleans Saints, has been called by the Patterson Park Brethren Church to serve as youth director. Mr. Phillips is in the insurance business and will work with the youth on a part-time basis.

Pastor and Mrs. John Terrell will host a 15-day tour to the Holy Land beginning June 7. Several on the tour will attend the Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy June 15-18.

Dayton Christian School, operated by the Patterson Park church, and Christian High School, operated by the Dayton Christian Tabernacle, consolidated Feb. 25, and officially became Dayton Christian Schools, Inc. The new corporation is negotiating a land contract with Patterson Park for a campus. The corporation will be governed by a board of directors consisting of twelve men—four appointed by Patterson Park, four by Christian Tabernacle, and four at-large members.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. At the March business meeting of the First Brethren Church, the congregation voted to call Rev. Harold Dunning as Minister of Adults and Kent Lueb as Minister of Education. David Hocking, pastor.

TOUR TO MEXICO OFFERED

Visit Mexico City and see missions at work as well as many historical points of interest. This is the opportunity that will be available on August 14, following national conference. The eight-day trip will be directed by Charles W. Turner, general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., and Ralph Colburn, chairman of the board of trustees. Departure for those who attend national conference will be from Chicago. For those on the west coast who are not able to attend conference, but would still like to join the tour, departure will be from Los Angeles and the two groups will meet in Mexico City. If you desire information you may write to either the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; or Rev. Ralph Colburn, 3490 La Jara St., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

NEW HOLLAND, PA. Using their own bad experiences with drugs as authority, members of a group called Teen Challenge are engaged in a ministry of keeping other young people from getting hooked. These young people are part of the relatively small minority in the United States who have overcome narcotic addiction. Several members of TC were present for the evening service Apr. 4. One team member spoke and the film *Youth in a Fix* was shown. It was a Christ-centered and informative evening. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

CHANGES. Please make the following address changes in your *Annual*. Rev. and Mrs. Dale Brock, 291 W. Dale St., Beaumont, Calif. 92223. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crees, R.R. 7, Box 252, Goshen, Ind. 46526. Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, Estanislao del Campo 1377, Villa Sarmiento-Haedo, F.C.D.F.S., Argentina, S.A. The Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, has a new phone number, 513-298-0155.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. "The Underground Church" was a topic of special interest at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church Apr. 4. Mrs. Margaret Bash, who has been behind the iron curtain and worked with the underground church groups, was the special speaker. In the evening service, she gave her personal testimony and showed slides of her work. Robert Kern, pastor.

BEAVERTON, OREG. The ordination service for Pastor Leonard Myers was held Apr. 13. Pastor William Schaffer, Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg., was the speaker.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Accident, Md.	May 3-16	Robert Clinton	Fred Walter
Minerva, Ohio	May 16-21	Dennis Beach	Nathan Meyer
Roanoke, Va.			
(Garden City)	May 16-21	Henry Radford	Allen Herr
Defiance, Ohio	May 18-23	John McKay	Fred Ritchardson
Canton, Ohio	May 23-28	James Kennedy	Nathan Meyer
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent)	May 23-30	Robert Combs	Allen Herr

NOTICE. Churches in need of new hymnals are invited to consider purchasing them from the Brethren Missionary Herald. Samples of hymnals are available for examination, and will be sent postpaid to churches. Special payment terms are offered for groups such as: Sunday-school classes, men's, women's or youth organizations who may wish to purchase hymnals as a project. Write for complete information to Charles Koontz, Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

QUITO, ECUADOR. HCJB-TV, the only missionary television station in the world, recently acquired its first Ampex video-tape recorder. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship and the 10th anniversary of its television ministry. With a staff of 200 missionaries in addition to national workers, the WRMF provides a most versatile source of gospel programming in Spanish.

As a direct result of missionary television—which is admittedly an expensive but highly effective and personal medium—a new church of some 250 has been established in Quito. Many from all social classes are being reached. With its varied nightly programs, HCJB-TV is a welcome guest in many homes in the Inter-Andean Valley.



Poster contest winners with their finished products are: (l to r) Robert Burton, first place; Lynnette and Janet Lackey, second place; Becky Sloane, third place.

ROANOKE, VA. Missionary conference time provided an opportunity to involve children's church and the senior teens in a poster contest at the Washington Heights church. In an effort to inform more people of the foreign fields, the posters represented each of the fields in which the Brethren Church is involved. First place in the contest went to Robert Burton with a poster on Hawaii. Lynnette and Janet Lackey placed second with a poster on Brazil. A poster on Argentina captured third place for Becky Sloane and Debbie Sweeney. Dayton Cundiff, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. It was off to Tijuana, Mex., for many of the high school students of the First Brethren Church who attended the International Christian Youth Festival Apr. 4-6. Used clothing was collected at the church and distributed in Tijuana. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

STOYSTOWN, PA. The highest Sunday-school attendance ever attained was recorded at the Reading Brethren Church Mar. 14 with 98 in attendance. Arthur F. Collins, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Abbie Malles and John Pepple, Feb. 27, Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Grace Keifman and Sheldon Snyder, Mar. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Rabenstein, dean of the Altoona Bible Institute. Rev. Sheldon Snyder is pastor of the Brethren church at Hopewell.

The following weddings were solemnized at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.—Cheryl Carter and Kenneth Hoffman, Jan. 30. Reva Hazelton and Rev. Albert Flory, Feb. 14. Lorraine House and Craig Seymour, Feb. 19. Kathy Nelson and William Matthews, Mar. 12. Lyn Gaudino and Robert Williams, Mar. 27. Bonnie Tucker and John Kulp, Apr. 2. Darlene Neilsen and Wesley Goble, Apr. 3.

THE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!

There will be a new plan for Sunday-school quarters in the fall of 1971. The fall quarter will begin with the first Sunday of September instead of the first Sunday of October.

The next quarter will be a "short one", consisting of the months of July and August.

Churches using Brethren adult materials, Gospel Light and Union Gospel Press curriculum will need to adapt the lesson schedule for the two-month period of July and August, inasmuch as material will be supplied for 13 Sundays. Scripture Press plans to publish special materials for the two-month period.

Materials for July and August should be ordered by May 10. For the September quarter, you will want to order your needs by July 10 to assure having your supplies by the first Sunday of September.

The Brethren Missionary Herald is at your service—for all of your Sunday-school needs! Phone or write Mrs. Joyce Durkee for any needed information, particularly during the next few months of transition in the Sunday-school year. If you phone, the number to call is 219-267-7158. Mail may be addressed to Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CLAPPER, Marion, a member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., for 27 years, passed away Mar. 17. William H. Snell, pastor.

CONNELL, George, 80, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 22, 1970. He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. David Hocking, pastor.

CRAGHEAD, Jesse J., passed away Feb. 4. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va., for 38 years. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

FLINT, Harvey, a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1963, departed this life Oct. 17, 1970. He had been a great help in the bus ministry as well as having a keen interest in the Brethren Schools. David Hocking, pastor.

GOBLE, Susan Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goble, lived only a few days. Graveside services were held on Jan. 5, 1971. David Hocking, pastor.

KLING, Thomas, passed away Mar. 25. He taught the Men's Bible class at the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., for several years. William H. Snell, pastor.

OYLER, John, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., departed this life to be with the Lord on Nov. 29, 1970. Mr. Oyler worked with the local missions and jails, bearing testimony to many. David Hocking, pastor.

SHARPE, James LeRoy, 63, passed away Mar. 3. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church of Mabton, Wash. Howard Snively, pastor.

SIMMONS, Charles L., 85, a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va., died Mar. 15. He was the father of Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Kent, Wash. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

VOORHEES, Edward, father of our recently returned missionary from Africa, passed away on Dec. 25, 1970. He had been a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., for many years. David Hocking, pastor.

Progress Report on the Brethren Retirement Home

Our national conference voted last August to establish a Brethren Retirement Home at Winona Lake, Indiana. The board of trustees of the home has been moving ahead to see the plans become reality. Construction on the retirement home complex, appropriately named Grace Village, will possibly begin during the next year. Building contractors are being consulted and Ralph Hall, Brethren Architectural Service Director, is making his experience available. Mr. Hall also serves as a member of the retirement home board. The results of these studies will determine the type of construction.

A contract for the purchase of land was signed by the executives of the board on April 12. The fifteen-acre site is located in Lamp Post Manor Estates in a setting of wooded lots and new homes, many of which are owned by Brethren families. The area is east of the Grace Schools campus.

The great need of the moment is for some indication of interest on the part of Brethren people. If you or anyone in your acquaintance would like to know more about Grace Village, you are urged to write to Brethren Retirement Home Board, P. O. Box 386, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



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By Althea S. Miller

Is Versatile

A pioneer project in small prayer groups under the general title "The Pittsburgh Experiment" recently displayed a thought-provoking slogan: "Get Changed . . . Get Together . . . Get Going." Although she may not be aware of it, the life of the versatile woman revolves around these concepts.

Versatility is a much misunderstood quality, perhaps because it is equated with its variant, *capricious*. If I were asked to give a definition of *versatility* within the context of this article, I would suggest that it is the ability to meet and cope with the unexpected, successfully resolving any dilemmas. Capriciousness has no place here, but *change* does.

Change for the sake of change does not indicate creative versatility. Change for the sake of improvement, of greater understanding, for a selfless outreach, to step up momentum, for a fuller application of spiritual values—these are creative versatility in action. The only trouble is that these are easier written or spoken than achieved.

Mankind is essentially afraid of change, probably because it jolts him out of his comfortable rut. Change often requires rethinking, reevaluating, recharging and redoing many facets of life which have developed an "old shoe" syndrome. In essence, we answer the challenge to change by saying, "Get lost. I'm comfortable in my

rut and feel about as secure as anybody can in this changing world." If that's the only kind of security you want, you can have it. But there are other and better worlds of security to conquer. Too bad you're not interested.

In any changes, the versatile woman doesn't throw out basic values affecting the spirit. Indeed, versatility revolves around and is expressed within the context of a set of values. Versatility and values must remain in harmonious relationship if the Christian woman is to be creative. True versatility is founded on the absolutes of our living God and His changless Word.

Perhaps we need reminding that "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8); that "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). We don't amend God's mind or plans when we pray for certain changes in life's situations. He changes us according to our faith and yieldedness to His will. How beautiful life becomes, how great are the victories when we volunteer to let Him make us versatile by His directive changes in us!

You have a choice. Is it Women's Lib or the Spirit's Lib you want to affect creative changes in you and your world? "Get Changed"—by God!

Versatility is achieved not alone by overt action, but in the bending of the mind and will to the living God who holds the reins of the universe in His steady hands. Cast iron can stand a good deal of strain up to a certain point. After that, it snaps. Steel bends

enough to keep from snapping, hence can stand far greater strain than iron. Which leads to the truth that *flexibility* is a vital part of versatility.

There's an inevitable ebb and flow to life which must be faced with an equanimity born of faith in our Lord who reminds us that "... all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). There will be no snapping of the spirit and mind when this truth penetrates the whole being, for it is the key to flexibility. You will remember as the exigencies and vicissitudes of life batter your craft, your Father has set boundaries, beyond which the storm cannot go. Flexibility of spirit and mind will release you for a creatively versatile life. "Get Together"—with God!

A strong sense of *expectation* in what God can and will do is inherent in versatility. Elijah the prophet is a case in point here. Hated by Ahab and hunted by Jezebel, God's warrior hid himself in a cave on Horeb and became immersed in self-pity. When God questioned his hiding in that cave Elijah launched into a story of "martyrdom" equal to some of ours. "I'm the only one left to serve You, and now they are attempting to kill me. Somehow, God, You seem to be forgetting how important I am to the work of calling Israel back to You" was the essence of Elijah's complaint. He had not yet learned that God's work neither stood nor fell on his performance.

Reread the story of the storm God used to capture the awed attention of His servant. Feel the wind that raked the earth, throwing around rocks as if they were mere baseballs. Tremble as the earthquake broke up what the wind missed. Cringe at the searing heat of the fire that finished the destruction. In none of these acts of nature-gone-mad could God be found. He is not the author of chaos, confusion or destruction. But by now the expectant Elijah was ready to hear and obey "a still small voice" (I Kings 19:9-18).

Oh Elijah, and dear bewildered, frightened, "jealous for the Lord God of hosts" 20th century Creative Christian Woman, why don't you let God make you versatile in expectation of His great power and might operating through you? "Get Going"—with God!

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A Survey of Israel's History

Leon Wood (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Pub. House, 1970), 444 pages, \$6.95.

It is indeed refreshing to find a history of Israel that takes full account of details, problems, and contemporary literature and still holds true to the Biblical text. For example, the author accepts the 1446 B.C. date of the Exodus which some evangelical Christian writers have abandoned, and marshals the latest arguments in support of this position. While not discounting the importance of providential use of natural processes, he gives full credence to God's supernatural acts, such as the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the crossing of the Red Sea.

The volume is attractively printed and well illustrated with maps and chronological charts. It will doubtless find wide usefulness in Bible colleges and seminaries in the western world and will likewise prove to be an excellent addition to the library of any pastor or Christian worker who wants to understand more thoroughly the great work of God in preparing the nation of Israel for her destiny as His channel of blessing to the entire world (Gen. 12:3).—*John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Grace Theological Seminary*

Successful Church Libraries

Towns and Barber (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1971), 103 pages, \$1.95.

Here is a fine manual for the church that desires to start a library or who finds themselves with a struggling one. The book starts with the basics of appointing a librarian, the quarters in the church for location of the library, how to finance the library, and rules governing the use of it. Two chapters are devoted to the selection of books to be included. The first list covers the basic collection of general works, Bible helps, Bible doctrine, devotional books, church history, children's books, biographies. The second list of selections has one hundred paperbacks covering a wide range of Christian writings.

The final part of the book tells you how to prepare and classify the volumes in the church library with a Dewey Decimal System.—*CWT*

What About Horoscopes?

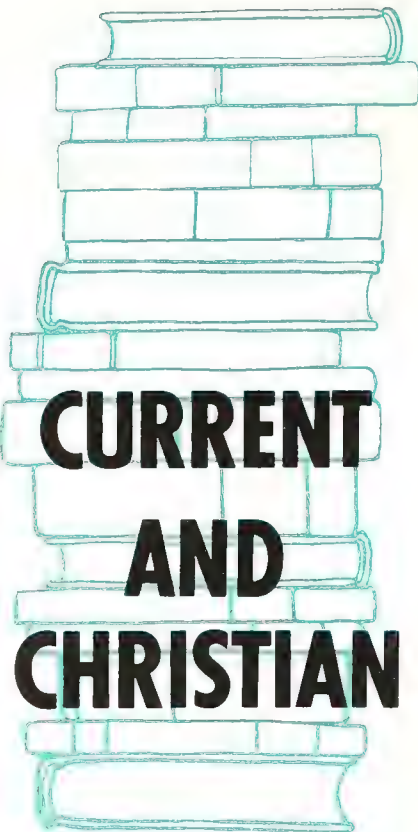
Joseph Bayly (Elgin, Ill: David C. Cook Pub. Co.), 95 pages, paper, \$.95.

It is penned by Joseph Bayly, best known for his *Gospel Blimp*, which is an incisive analysis of contemporary American church-life.

In this paperback, the writer treats subjects like astrology, seances, mediums, extrasensory perception, and at the same time gives new insights into the lives of people associated with the unseen world; persons such as Jeane Dixon, and the late Bishop Pike.

Interesting features are a "glossary of the occult" and a list of "books for more reading."

The price is reasonable: 95c (a penny a page), and the reading time is reasonable, too (one evening).—*Pastor Wesley Haller*



CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLER MAGAZINE'S BEST SELLER LIST OF THE MONTH

Trends representing independent, denominational and general bookstores in the United States indicate the following books are top in sales. This is not an endorsement of the books but an attempt to keep you current in Christian literature.

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| 1. The Late Great Planet Earth | Hal Lindsey |
| <i>Zondervan — \$1.95</i> | |
| 2. A New Song | Pat Boone |
| <i>Creation House — \$4.95</i> | |
| 3. Cross and Switchblade | David Wilkerson |
| <i>Spire Books — \$.95</i> | |
| 4. Run, Baby, Run | Nicky Cruz |
| <i>Logos Books — \$.75</i> | |
| 5. Habitation of Dragons | Keith Miller |
| <i>Word Books — \$4.95</i> | |
| 6. The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century | Francis Schaeffer |
| <i>Inter-Varsity — \$3.95</i> | |
| 7. Woman at the Well | Dale Evans |
| <i>Revel — \$4.95</i> | |
| 8. 666 | Salem Kirban |
| <i>Tyndale House — \$2.95</i> | |
| 9. High on the Campus | McLean and Bowen |
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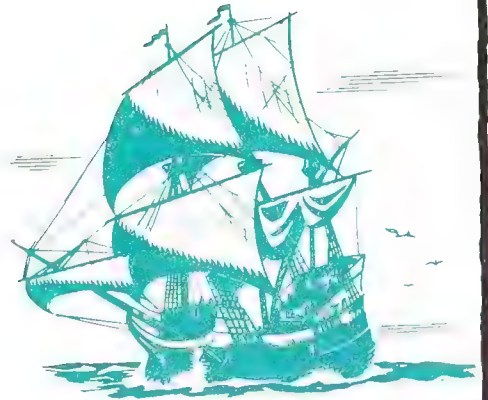
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We're committing spiritual suicide in our churches today. We are insisting that our pastors go at a killing pace, but we're the ones who are dying.

We demand that our man be a charming pulpiteer with a pastor's heart and a great willingness to listen to us and our problems.

We want him to go house to house visiting our sick, shepherding the flock and encouraging visitors to join our church.

He must be a real leader who can organize and administer church business. He must be a soul winner who can show us how to win souls. He must be able to work closely with all young people.

He must be the taxi driver when we have errands and no other way to get there. He must be the church custodian and maintenance man, the carpenter, the plumber, the raker of leaves.

And he must make sure that all the widows are fed.

Were the situation to arise today that faced Peter and the apostles in Acts 6 when the Hellenists claimed their widows were being neglected, we would have our Peter dig into that problem, going from house to house, ferreting out the information and doing the whole job.

Then he would tell us in the Sunday service, "I apologize this morning that I can't really feed you. I haven't had time to prepare for you. I'll tell you what I have been doing. Some of our widows down here were going hungry and I went and found out the source of that problem and now those people are eating again."

"And surely you people will forgive me for not having anything to give you this morning because, after all, I've been meeting the need of these widows."

And what do we do in our sentimentalism? We fall back and say, "Isn't that nice? Isn't that kind of the pastor to do that?"

No! I say it was cruel of the pastor to do that. On the basis of Acts 6:2 ("Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables"), I say the pastor was cruel to spiritually starve his people that Sunday. Somebody else should have met the need of

those widows.

It is heartless of any congregation to ask a pastor—the shepherd of the flock—to run around like that. Perhaps many of us are frustrated and essentially weak because we keep the pastor too busy to feed us a proper spiritual diet, and we are too weak from starvation to lighten his load.

We are stupid to think we can hire a professional spiritual exerciser who will wear out his shoe leather for us running from door to door winning all the souls to Christ and desperately trying to change their diapers and feed them bottles.

Unless we evangelical church members in America wake up to what we are doing to ourselves today by trying to make a professional clergyman do what God intended us to do, we'll die and we'll die on the vine.

God never intended that the pastor of the church be a professional exerciser. He has a professional responsibility to be a saint-builder and a personal responsibility to be a saint-producer. He is to give himself, after the example of Peter and the apostles in Acts 6, to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

No profession in the world makes greater demands on a man today than the Christian ministry. The spiritual needs and moral problems with which he must deal are as wide and deep as life itself. And though he may recognize his basic calling to preach the Word, he finds himself enmeshed in such a multiplicity of jobs that he just doesn't have time as he would like to prepare food for the sheep.

Even though he may have vowed

that it would never happen to him, the pastor finds that slowly, subtly, almost imperceptibly at times, he has been trapped in the jack-of-all trades syndrome. He has forgotten his job of bringing saints to maturity in Christ. He is suffering from what someone has called, "vocational amnesia."

Peter said, "Now it is not pleasing to God that we should leave the preaching of the Word and prayer to do this business." It doesn't please God.

I suppose the pastor often tends to feel sorry for himself. He has so much business to do and he can't possibly do it all. His problem essentially is that he has failed to recognize the priority God has given him. He is spiritually, educationally and emotionally equipped to do something in his church that no one else is equipped to do.

He may say, "Well, I'm nobody special. I'm just one of the guys. I just pitch in and do the work along with the rest of them. And whatever there is to do, I do that."

At this point I question one of two things. Either he does not understand what a pastor is, or he should not be a pastor. Identified with the group he loses his own identity.

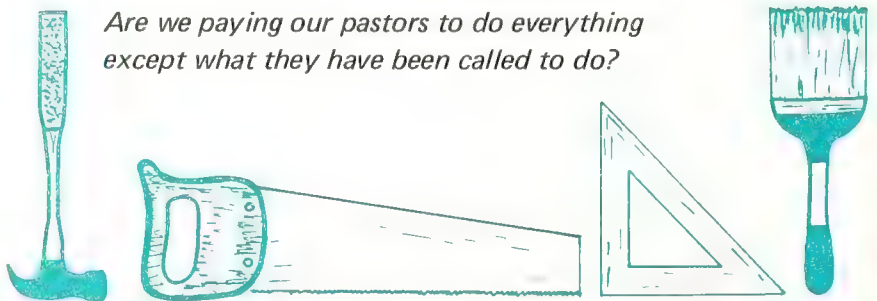
Old Testament Levites were separated from the people to do the ministerial work of the tabernacle. They were not at all like the rest of the Israelites. They were a specially selected group of people, chosen to do a special work.

Numbers 18:6 spells this out. "And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children

The Jack-of-all-Trades Syndrome

By Dr. Earl D. Radmacher
President, Western Baptist Seminary

Are we paying our pastors to do everything except what they have been called to do?



of Israel: to you they are given as a gift for the Lord, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation."

They did not go out and pull tent pegs up when the tabernacle was moved in the wilderness. The Kohathites did that. The Levites did the job they were called to do. They were specially called men for a specially called job for which they were specially prepared.

A prominent preacher in the Northwest has carefully avoided this jack-of-all-trades syndrome. He is a man of the Book and his preaching has brought many to maturity in Christ. His secret? He spends all day Saturday making final preparation for Sunday's ministry. Even though he is going to preach a passage he has preached probably a hundred times before, he feels it necessary to study and to pray. He prays three hours just in preparation for that morning's message.

This, unfortunately, is too often the exception today. Part of the reason is that thoughtless but well-meaning congregations refuse to let the pastor sit and meditate in his office. They find him with his feet on his desk and with his eyes half-closed and they say, "Don't you have anything to do?" They would rather have his feet active for them than his head and heart.

It is interesting that the Greek word for "scholar," which comes from the word *scholeo*, has the idea of the word "leisureliness." Do we ask ourselves why we don't have scholars today? Maybe it is because we don't let our pastor take time to be leisurely in the Word of God and to let God really speak.

The man who is not taking time to listen to God's Word usually ends up preaching his own thoughts with a Biblical text for a jumping-off place, and in so doing he says, "I am preaching the Bible."

But he really isn't preaching the Bible. He hasn't taken time to see what the thinking of the Bible really is. He is preaching his own thoughts, which is all he has had time to gather up as he runs around from day to day during the week. But he is not preaching the Bible if he has not taken time to sit down for a fresh look to see what the Bible says.

The abiding principles of Acts 6:1-7 should serve as a welcome signpost to today's pastor, pointing the way out

of the jack-of-all-trades syndrome.

Like the early apostles, he must first recognize the problem of his people. He dare not yield to the temptation to blame them and whip them for his dilemma. He may have too many jobs, but he is the leader and he is responsible for initiating action to solve the problem.

Like the early apostles, he will need to recognize the priorities of the ministry. First and most important he is a preacher, a man of the Word, and for this there is no substitute for hours spent in the study.

Having recognized this priority of preaching, today's pastor must recognize God's provision for getting all the other duties done that now consume his time. God's design is not to consider these duties unimportant or leave them undone. His design is for the person or persons in the congregation specifically gifted by Him to do the job.

Here is an area where many clergymen are guilty by default. They have not expounded the Biblical teaching of spiritual gifts. I believe that this lack of teaching has been largely responsible for many laymen's sense of worthlessness.

Paul proposes in I Corinthians 12:27-31 that the church functions properly only when each member is exercising his gift. But most Christians today don't even realize they have gifts nor do they know what the many gifts are.

At this point pastors really can help themselves out of their jack-of-all-trades dilemma. Every pastor ought to have a goal of helping each member to identify his gift, and then to find the place where his gift fits into the total work of the church.

It is a rare pastor who has preached a series of messages covering each of the spiritual gifts. I ask pastors I meet, "Why don't you take fifteen weeks and preach on one gift of the Spirit each week and then ask for decisions from your people?"

Ask them, "What are your gifts? How are you using them?" And really dig in deep because, as I understand it, shaping up the saints in large part means enabling them to find out what their gift is and where they can use it.

But most pastors do not have that kind of goal. Just listen to a pastor for a while. He isn't encouraging his people to find their gifts. He talks

about whether he had any people come forward last Sunday for salvation or for baptism or for church membership.

He is thinking only of the initial stage. He is not thinking of completing his work by developing sheep out of lambs.

A minimal beginning in developing maturity among the Lord's people is to identify the sheep among the lambs. The pastor might give some kind of Bible knowledge inventory test to see how much knowledge of the Word each one has.

We might give a kind of Kuder preference test to measure where each saint fits vocationally into the church work. Perhaps we could develop some similar instrument on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help people recognize which gifts they have by their likes and dislikes, their talents and powers.

Let's have a gift-consciousness committee of church leaders who have the gift of discernment. They would observe church members to discover what gifts the Holy Spirit has given to that congregation.

This committee as a right arm to the pastor could help relocate a lot of misplaced saints—the ones who are teaching when they ought to be visiting or the visitation person who ought to be singing in the choir.

So, essentially, the pastor-teacher's job is not to win all the souls to Christ and be universal handyman to the church. His job is to shape up the saints so that they can do the work of the ministry.

The end result enables church life today to follow the lines laid down in Acts 6. Gifted men minister to the temporal needs of the church family, and the pastor dedicates himself to the ministry of the Word and prayer.

Our pastor can help us find our gift. As we exercise it we share his load and he becomes increasingly able to nourish us spiritually and to really feed the flock of God.

Do we want our churches to be vital today, full of healthy Christians who are living up to their spiritual capacity? Let us encourage our pastor to help us discover our spiritual gifts. Let us release our pastor from the tyranny of this jack-of-all trades syndrome!

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SMM News Bits

National News

An urgent request for prayer has been received for Dr. and Mrs. Robert Boze whose home was completely destroyed by fire March 29. There were no personal injuries but the home was a total loss. The Boze family are faithful workers in the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, Indiana, and Mrs. Boze is the national patroness of SMM. The family will be temporarily occupying the parsonage of the church at 417 W. Water St., Berne, Indiana 46711.



Girls, remember the Home Interest Project of 1970? Well, we met our goal and were able to purchase the bass clarinet for the Grace College Music Department. They have been putting it to work this year in the College-Community Band concerts and according to rumors it has added much to the betterment of their performances. Mr. Jerry Franks, assistant professor of music at Grace, is very grateful for the efforts of the SMM girls in completing this goal and I'm sure he would appreciate any future contributions.

Pictured with the instrument is Sharon Magill, a former student at Grace and the SMM national president. Sharon used to participate in the College-Community Band until going to Pennsylvania to continue her career in nursing.

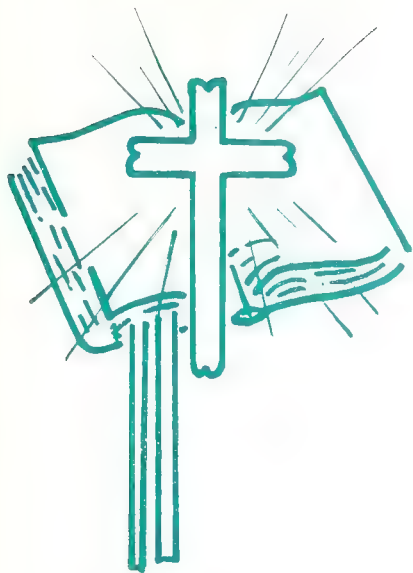
By the way, don't forget about this year's project! Isobel Fraser is in dire need of a car in order to continue the Jewish work in California, so keep giving!

District News

Northcentral Ohio District has been on the ball this year. For the fall rally there were 126 girls and patronesses present. The idea of a mission fair was carried out in our spring rally. Nine foreign countries were represented by displays at various booths erected about the host church. The main emphasis was placed on the necessity of cooperation in making any missionary work successful.

Northeastern Ohio District has enjoyed good attendance for the rallies with 130 present at the fall rally. Some of the highlights of the rally were a teen choir which presented the special music and the speaker, Alberta Hawse, author of *Vinegar Boy*. The girls dressed to represent each character in the Bible that the speaker discussed—Miriam, Michal, Abigail, and Dinah.

The project for this year is \$200 for laboratory equipment for Grace College.



Living Abundantly in Service

By Mrs. Eddie Miller
Missionary to Brazil

What a blessing it is for those who go to the foreign field to have the assurance that "God is faithful." Though we as human beings may fail, God will not, He is faithful, and He has called us to be His laborers in the fellowship of love and in the fellowship of His Son. "Be . . . stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding . . . as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (read I Cor. 15:58).

We are admonished to be *stedfast*, firmly fixed, constant in our testimony for Him. This means we must be true in our personal fidelity or faithfulness. His servant should be faithful in fulfilling the work he promises to do, whether it be teaching a Sunday-school class, a Bible study class, Daily Vacation Bible School, or helping with the music. God's chosen one should be dependable and one who will finish the tasks put before him. In a new work, the missionary has to do all the teaching until some are saved and then until they mature in the faith. How wonderful it is to see these grow in the Lord and take on their responsibilities.

One of our first converts in Macapa, Brazil, was a little girl, Maria Lila, around eight years of age. She came faithfully to the services through the years taking part in the programs of the church. She wasn't always the leader or one who stood out in the young people's group. When she fell in love, she brought her boyfriend to church. They were married in the church. A son and daughter were born into the family. Now they are living in Belem helping in the Canodus church. The two children are also active in the

church. How we rejoice with this family and pray the Lord will continue to use them.

We are to be *unmovable* in our faith no matter what trials and oppositions need be faced. There are many adversaries in the Christian walk, but we are told to be loyal, to be faithful through it all. Satan often tempts one stationed in the interior away from Christian fellowship with loneliness or poor health due to the many parasites and infections. Such conditions might lead to discouragement. Discouragement which can cause promising ones to fall by the wayside. Yet the ever faithful One is with us and gives us the power to stand *unmovable* and firm.

Another child came into the church in Macapa about the same time as Maria Lila. Isabel was being cared for in the home of her Christian grandparents. Isabel had outstanding talents and was always one of the leaders. She also taught in the Christian Day

School as did Maria Lila. When she fell in love, she wanted someone who was going somewhere in the world. She was studying and preparing herself for material gains. She was married in the Catholic Church and left the church of her grandparents. Pray with us that Isabel will come back to the Lord before it is too late.

How should we render service to the Lord? *Always abounding!* That is giving more than is expected with a cup full and running over. We should not withhold our service but be ready to go the last mile. Christ has given all for us and we should give readily of ourselves.

The Brazilian people enjoy visiting and do not mind long services. Many times at the end of a service when the missionary is tired and anxious to go home to relax the people may long for a little more fellowship—just talking, or perhaps learning a new chorus. A great blessing is received in remaining a little longer to fellowship with these loved ones in the Lord.

"Your labour is not in vain in the Lord." No matter how much has to be given, no matter how many sacrifices have to be made, the reward will come at the end of the race. There is no doubt in the born-again Christian's mind. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (read I John 3:2).

The Eddie Miller family





WMC Local News & Notes

Fremont, Ohio (Senior WMC)

How grateful and thankful we are to Him who had made it possible for us to enjoy fellowship as we work together in our local WMC. We have enjoyed an exciting and wonderful year. Recently we have seen new Christians added to our roll. We enjoy them so much. It seems they bring us more spiritual blessings than we can give to them.

One of the things our WMC accomplished in the last year was partial support of Sam, our Navajo boy at the boarding school. We also supported all national and district offerings. Locally, we completely redecorated the ladies lounge, bought a new rug for the fellowship hall, and took care of our obligations to our SMM girls by buying charms and bracelets. A surprise reception for Earl Summers, our minister of youth, was planned and carried out by our three councils. Pen Pointers were used and a quiz at each meeting.

Homerville, Ohio

The WMC of the West Homer Brethren Church has had a busy year thus far. The missionary chest is kept well supplied with a variety of gifts. At

Christmas we packed fourteen boxes of goodies and two boxes of fruit for college students, servicemen and shut-ins. We also sent two boxes of gifts for the Navajo Mission School. We are tying baby quilts and single bed quilts for the Navajos. Our projects for this year are the Argentina Bible Institute Book Fund and transparencies for an overhead projector for the Christian Education Department. Several of our ladies are patronesses for SMM and we are helping them financially when necessary. We pray that as the year progresses we might accomplish much for the Lord.

Counselor, N. Mex.

We are rejoicing in the Lord and the abundant life He gives, and especially are we benefiting from the Bible studies this year.

At our meetings we have been taking time to write letters to Lois Wilson who is in language school in France and to Elaine Marpel who is on a year's leave of absence as she acquires her Master's Degree in Education at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Both were in our group last year.

We packed boxes of goodies to send to nineteen students who have graduated from our mission school and are attending high school or college somewhere. We've done this for several years and each time the number grows. As our young people go on to school we want to encourage them. In times past very few went beyond eighth grade. We praise God for each one and pray that they will let Him use them in His service.—*Norma Lathrop*

Grandview, Wash.

A new idea has been tried at our local WMC to encourage new people and our regular members to come to our meetings. We have a basket of gifts and the one who brings the most visitors gets to choose a gift from the basket. A person is a visitor if they haven't been to WMC for three meetings. This idea has helped get ladies out to enjoy our Bible lesson which is presented by Lois Akers. The Lord is really using Lois and the Bible lessons

have been truly challenging to all of us.—*Ruth Harris*

Leesburg, Ind.

A Retired Missionary Sunday was recently sponsored by our WMC. Dr. Orville Jobson delivered the morning message. After the worship service a carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all. The following missionaries were present and gave their testimonies: Florence Bickel, Grace Byron, Elizabeth Tyson and Charlotte Jobson. A love gift was presented to each of them.

Telford, Pa.

Our project chairman built an attractive model Indian village for us with buildings portraying the Navajo Mission. She used copper tubing laid to simulate the water line which will have to be made for the Navajo Mission water system. (This display was used to illustrate the national project for our Indian Mission.)

The WMC had paid for books, the pennants, and some felt for turtle pillows that the SMM girls made for the Navajo Mission children. Each SMM girl has been given a "Pal" chosen from the WMC ladies who will take a special interest in her.

Prayer has been emphasized in our council by using various methods: Several groups participate in conversational prayer each month, and there are also those who pray two by two.

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JUST REMEMBER! This is the last month for the foreign mission offering. This money will be given to supply Bible Commentaries for Africa (in Sango)—Goal \$4,500.

Abundance or Want?

By Mrs. Beth Horney
Pastor's Wife

"Eat your vegetables, honey, they're good for you!" How many of us as mothers have said something like this to our child, not once but many times? We want so much for our child to be healthy and strong, and not wanting in vitamins or minerals.


And what if our child rebels? Do we not find some method of encouraging him, enticing him, or downright demanding that he eat properly? Would we even think of saying weakly, "Well, I *told* him, and if he doesn't eat, it will be his own fault"? How much responsibility is ours? How much should we try?

Today we read the facts that some ten million American people go to bed hungry each night, and tens of millions

more suffer from a more subtle form of malnutrition—they eat the wrong kinds of food. Is that not shocking in our land of plenty? However shocked we may be, it is even more shocking to see the spiritual malnutrition of the average Christian today. We live in a land where spiritual food is abundant. We have plenty of Bibles, Christian radio and TV programs, churches in every town. And yet, I dare say there are those of us that are spiritually malnourished amidst this abundance.

Do we not "go to bed hungry" when we fail to feed on the Word daily? Do we not "suffer from a more subtle form of malnutrition" when we feast on the wrong kind of spiritual food—the good things which edge out

the spiritually essential? How involved do we get in our earthly lives? That job we have. The kids. The housework. Even our physical well-being. Do we really have to let our job limit our time for God? Is it necessary that the children have everything, and go all the places, that all the kids do? And the house. Do we run it, or does it run us? As to our well-being, you know a head doesn't ache a bit more, or we aren't a bit more tired at church than at home. Really! And how many times we go home so refreshed from being with God and His people that the headache, or tiredness is forgotten.

Let us take up the challenge of our lessons this year and determine to live abundantly. How much trouble is it worth? As much as trying to please our families with food and plenty of "things"? Is it worth as much as trying to have the comforts of modern life? Let's put value in the right perspective and let first things come first. Let's live the abundant life. 

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — JULY 1971

AFRICA

- Mrs. Floyd W. Taber July 8
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Rev. David W. Shargel July 23
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miss Marian Thurston July 24
Mission a N°Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miss Margaret Hull July 27
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miss Lois Ringler July 30
Mission a N°Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

- Daniel Miller July 1, 1969
Bartolome Mitre 2370, Jose Marmol, F.C.G.R., Pcia de Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.
- Sylvia Monica Fay July 20, 1953
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.
- Mrs. Solon W. Hoyt July 29
Estanislao del Campo 1377, Villa Sarmiento-Haedo, F.C.D.F.S., Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL

- Mrs. Ralph Schwartz July 1
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
- Kenneth Paul Burk July 3, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
- Frederick John Hodgdon July 9, 1964
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

- Rev. Earle C. Hodgdon July 18
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
- George Allen Hodgdon July 26, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

FRANCE

- Rev. James R. Renick July 17
Chateau de St. Albain, 71 — Lugny, France.

MEXICO

- James Ernest Dowdy July 30, 1967
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924.

IN THE UNITED STATES

- Mrs. William L. Walker July 1
1 N. Metzger Ave., Rittman, Ohio 44270.
- Miss Florence Bickel July 10
105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
- Dr. Orville D. Jobson July 11
P.O. Box 420, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
- Dawn Marie Juday July 13, 1961
c/o Mr. Rex Juday, Route 1, 35447 Ash Rd., Osceola, Indiana 46561.
- Rev. Donald G. Hocking July 15
c/o J. D. Reeves, P.O. Box 674, Marathon, Florida 33050.
- Rev. Robert S. Williams July 15
P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
- James Kash McDairmant July 16, 1968
c/o Thomas C. McDairmant, P.O. Box 3553, Long Beach, California 90803.
- James Randall Hocking July 20, 1954
c/o J. D. Reeves, P.O. Box 674, Marathon, Florida 33050.
- Mrs. Orville D. Jobson July 21
P.O. Box 420, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

To Mothers of Missionaries

*So send I you—to give your own with gladness,
To let them go unhindered to the lost;
To hide the tears and every trace of sadness;
So send I you—to taste with Me the cost.*

*So send I you—to anxious days of waiting
For word that often leaves so much untold;
To nights of burdened vigil unabating;
So send I you—to watch the gap you hold.*

*So send I you—to walk alone when aged,
To need the strength of one you cannot call;
To lean on Me and on the ones I bring you,
So send I you—to find in Me your all.*

*So send I you—to know the joy of serving,
To share the triumphs of the one you send;
To reap the fruit of sacrifice unswerving,
So send I you—to joy without end.
As the Father hath sent Me—So send I you.*

—Mrs. Winona Carroll, India

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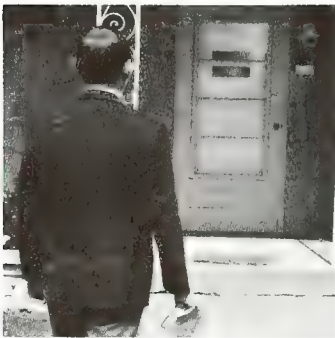


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Thoughts on Perspective

On a recent flight to the Northwest I sat back and enjoyed a look at "Mother Earth" from 35,000 feet. It looked good to me with all the farm lands of Iowa boxed in nice neat little parcels. The Rockies did not seem insurmountable from up there, and even the recent rains in the state of Oregon did not appear to be out of control. On the return flight, a few days later, we descended through a late winter ice and snow storm into Chicago's O'Hare field and the whole thing did not look nearly so good to me. In one case I was above the problems and in the other I was in them. It had a great deal to do with position and perspective.

I rather imagine that much of life is like that. Where our position is may have a great deal to do with the way we look at things. Have you listened to a friend tell with great dread of his fast-approaching visit to the dentist? You listened to him with limited patience and your sympathy was somewhat restricted. Then one day you became aware that it was time for your periodic checkup. Suddenly it was all very important and you wanted someone to whom you could tell your troubles. The difference now is that you are in that position yourself, and a visit to the dentist is a much bigger thing than it was when your friend was confronted with the problem.

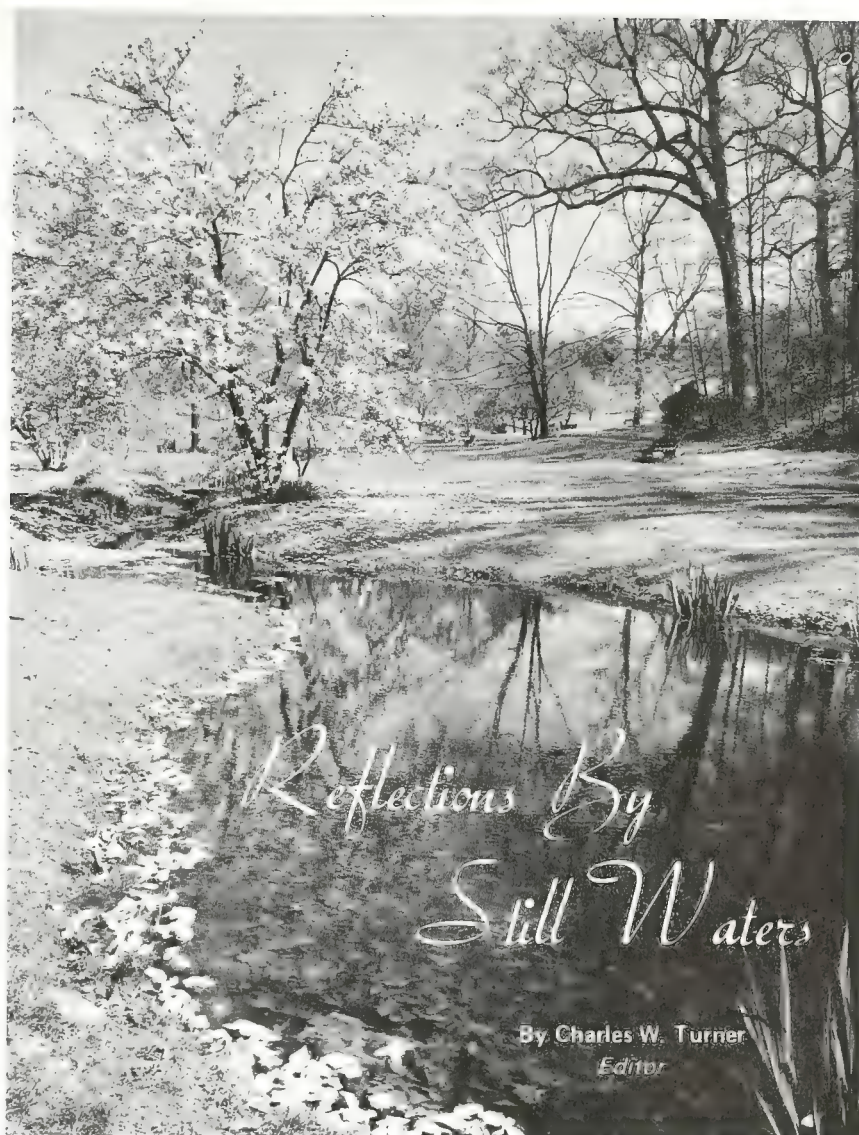
This should give us some insight into a spiritual application of sympathy and concern for others. If we could mentally occupy the position in which others live, our concern and sympathy might well be increased. What about the young child in the Sunday-school class to whom the whole world is just opening? Do you

attempt to treat him as a child and try to see the world as he sees it—or, as you see it? How do you react to the young person who for the first time begins to see for himself the responsibilities and problems of life, and acts as though he has discovered something that no one else has ever seen? Can you as an adult Christian, who discovered the same thing twenty years ago, somehow share it again with him?

Talking about perspective—can you be concerned about the neighbor next door who is without God and has no concern for the spiritual? Do you remember that once you wandered in spiritual blindness and thought only of the present time and material things? We often ask ourselves in our more pensive moments why others do not see things as we do. The answer is because they are not where we are and

position does affect perspective. If your perspective or outlook takes into account God and the Scriptures, remember, it will be vastly different from the man who thinks only of the present. He needs to look at things as God sees them.

To a man 35,000 feet in the air the world doesn't look too bad. The grime and pollution and problems seem like an eternity away. From God's position in the heavens He sees things as they really are—without distortion. It does make a difference who we are and where we are—these determine perspective. If we could see things as others do and as God does, then we would probably be more concerned and sympathetic Christians. Remember, our outlook in life toward others will be influenced by the measure with which we permit God to have control.



Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turrier
Editor



Stakes driven, lines measured . . .

Shovel Turned

Construction begins on the Brethren Missions Building which will accommodate the ever-expanding programs of Brethren home and foreign missions.

One day ahead of the April showers a stake was driven into the ground. White lime chalked lines were measured to outline the dimension of the new Brethren Missions Building and March 31, 1971, was recorded as ground-breaking day.

The staff members of The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church along with several guests gathered at 1401 Kings Highway, Winona Lake, Indiana, as the first shovel was turned for construction of the proposed office complex.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council introduced Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Indiana, as the guest speaker. These dramatic and climatic moments were captured by the tone and content of the message which follows in condensed form:

"God spoke of the Temple that was

built in Jerusalem as 'my house,' and although we cannot in any sense compare the Missions Building that will stand here to the Temple that was built in Jerusalem, we feel very definitely that it will be God's house. The building that we trust will be built here, by the grace of God, will not become His upon completion, upon dedication and occupancy—but the build-

ing is already His. And then at the completion, at the dedication, we will simply pledge ourselves anew to use for God's glory that which He has given.

"At this ground-breaking service we are simply acknowledging God's blessing and His provision up to this point. We seek wisdom and help from the Lord in all that lies before us as we look forward to the actual construction.

"Psalm 127 and verse one indicates that the Lord builds houses. The Psalmist said, 'Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.' We might well ask, 'But how does the Lord build houses?' I went back to the Old Testament and read again about one of the buildings that the Lord built, the building we some-

times call the Tabernacle. We can learn a lot about building from reading there and I want to share with you just a few things here this afternoon.

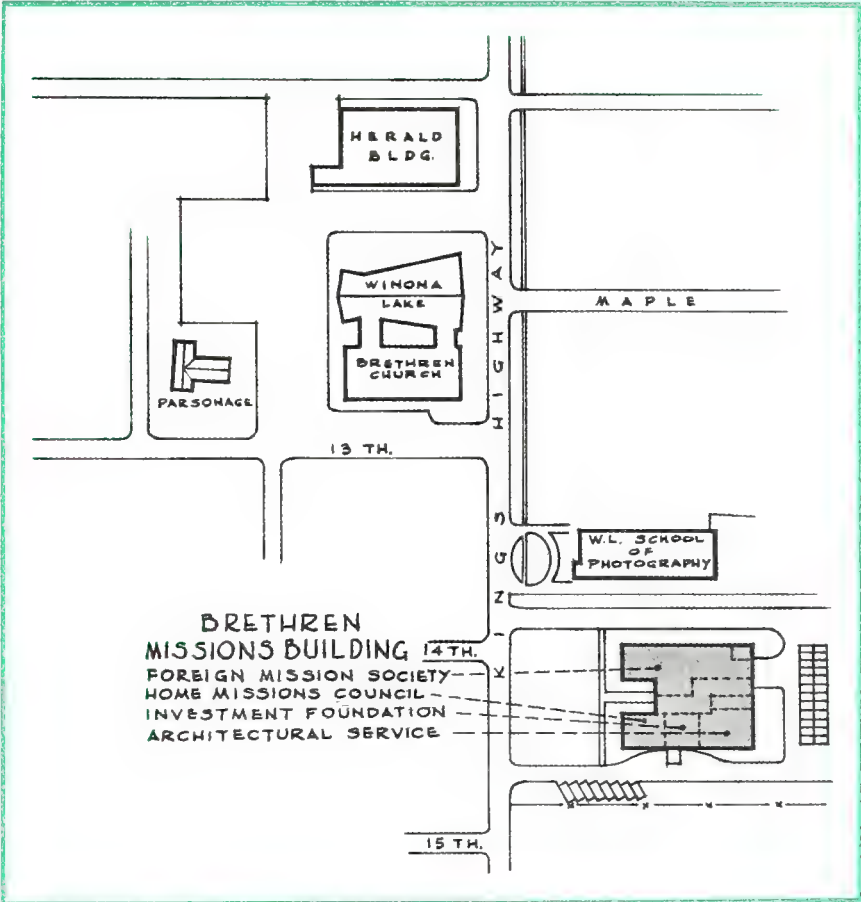
“The thought for such a building as this certainly began with the Lord. It was in the mind of the Lord before it was in the mind of man. Remember that was true also of the Tabernacle. God called Moses up on the mount and shared with him the thought or the idea or the vision that He had concerning the building of the Tabernacle. As we look about us we can see a number of buildings that have been built. Buildings that we believe the Lord has built. These, too, involve vision that God gave to men and we believe that in this instance again that much of this was in the mind of God before it was in the mind of any man.

“Not only did God share with Moses that day the vision and the thought for the building of the Tabernacle, but He shared with him also the plan for it. Moses saw that day the pattern for the building of the Tabernacle. We’re sure that God has called into being what we call the Brethren Architectural Service. And here minds of men that are yielded to the Lord await to share His plans for a building. We are believing today that God has given wisdom to these men to prepare the plans even as wisdom was given in past ages.

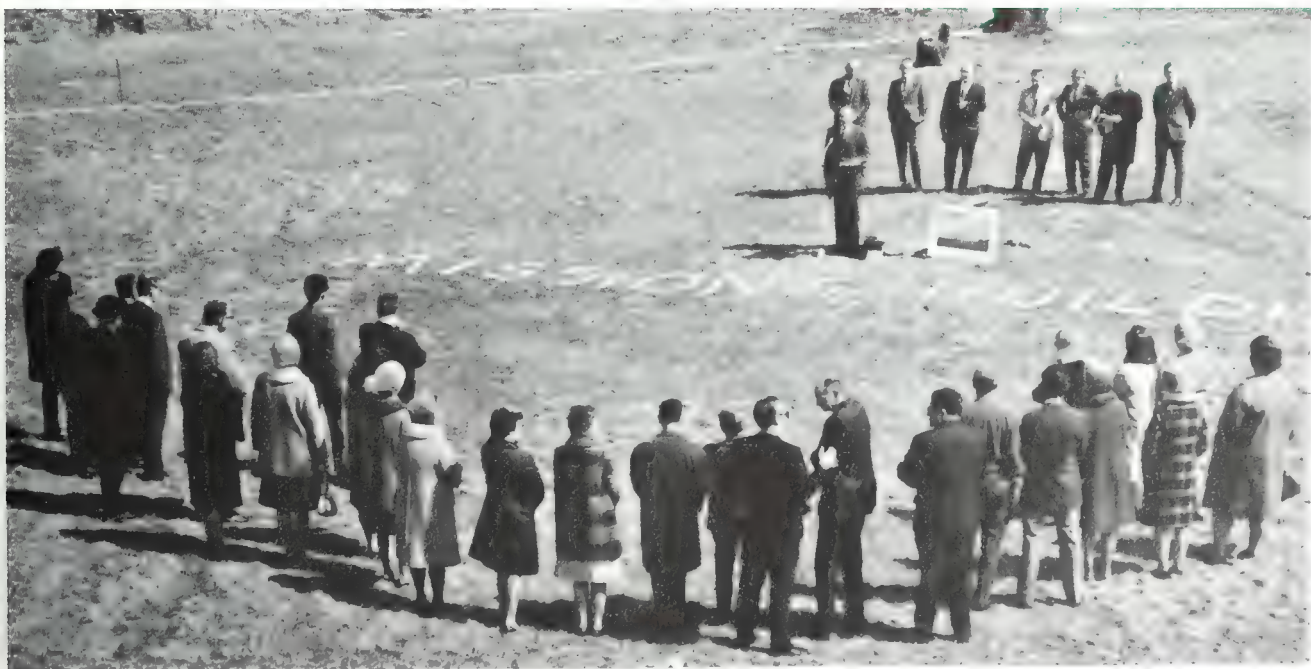
“We discover also that God pro-

vided the means for the building of the Tabernacle. He told the people they could share in it by giving. And we find a most interesting statement made in the Book of Exodus where it says

the stuff they had for all the work was sufficient, even too much. On that particular occasion they had to stop the people and restrain them in their giving. We have seldom, if ever, known



The staff workers of Brethren home and foreign missions attended the ground-breaking service.



anything like that but we can say today that God has provided the means for this building. Had it not been for the Lord laying it upon the hearts of people to give of their material blessings, we would not be here for this occasion.

"As we read the account of the Tabernacle we discover that God provided the men to build it. They were men filled with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship. God took men and imparted to them wisdom, knowledge, and skill and through this the Tabernacle was built. After all that God has provided we are trusting that the Missions Building will be a house of God in which He will be glorified as the work of missions is emphasized.

"It is of the Lord that this project should be a joint venture of our Brethren Foreign Missions and Brethren

Home Missions Boards because we are engaged in the same work. The world is the field, the field is the world, and we are charged with perhaps a little different responsibility as to area and emphasis, but it is all the Lord's work. And I'm sure that we are going to grow happily together in the house that God will build here. And we look forward to that day when we are going to gather again under God's blessing for the dedication and the occupancy of the building. What a day of rejoicing that will be! But looking already at what God has provided by way of vision, by way of the plans, and the means, and the men to do the job—we can rejoice and praise God for His many blessings."

The building, when completed, will house the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church and The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., with its three subsidiaries: the Brethren In-

vestment Foundation, the Brethren Architectural Service and the Brethren Construction Company.

The edifice will be 122 feet wide and 140 feet long and will cost an estimated \$300,000. It is located on three acres of property adjacent to the Grace Schools campus. Plans have been drawn by the Brethren Architectural Service—Ralph C. Hall, professional engineer, and Ray Clouse, architect. Construction will be supervised by the Brethren Construction Company, Donald Sellers, superintendent. It is estimated that completion of the building will come in twelve months.

The project is being built under the supervision of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., and will be financed by specially designated annuity type investments.

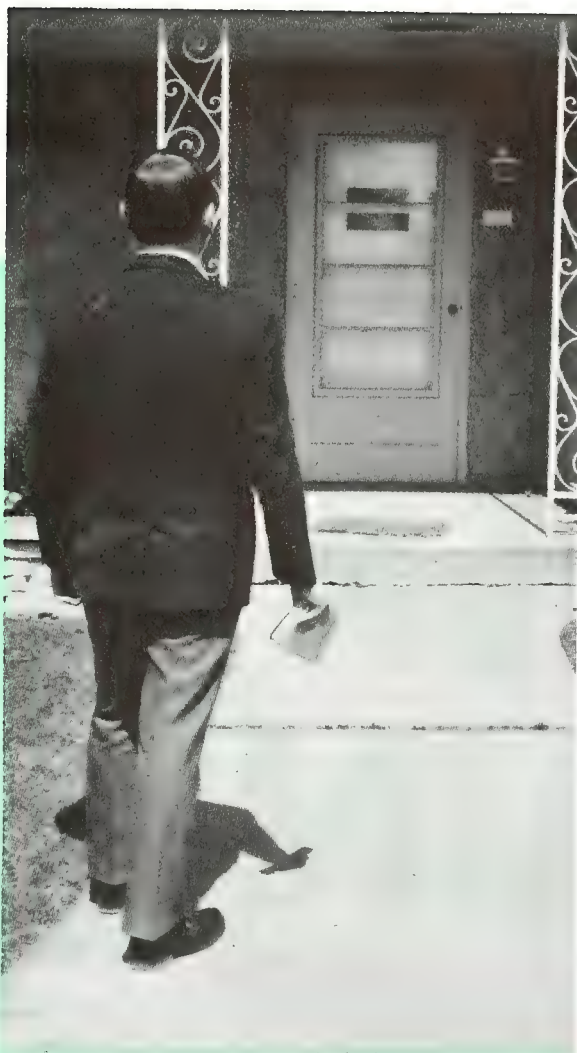
Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, directed the ground-breaking service. Rev. Richard DeArme, vice president, was the speaker. The following participated in the actual ground breaking: Rev. John Zielasko, foreign secretary of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society; Kenneth Rucker, financial secretary of the Brethren Investment Foundation; Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., vice president of Grace Schools; Rev. Charles Turner, executive editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company; and Ralph C. Hall.



A circle of prayer expressed the unity of the effort.

Executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Rev. Lester E. Pifer (foreground) directed the service. Rev. Richard DeArme (third from left) gave the message.





Our Lord's plan was nothing more than reaching the nearest person, winning him to Christ, then teaching him to do the same.

VISITATION IS A NECESSITY!

By Rev. Lester E. Pifer

"There was a time when the ringing of the old church bell would bring the people to the church, but this is no longer true. There are too many other bells calling men to other things. The pastor who does not visit will preach to empty pews on Sundays," says Dr. C. E. Colton in his book *The Minister's Mission*.

Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor of

the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and author of the book *Evangelism Explosion* tells of his bitter and humiliating experience as a miserable failure in starting this home-mission venture. "After eight or ten months of my preaching, the congregation had gone from forty-five to seventeen." He relates his frightening experience of

being invited to be the evangelist at a Decatur, Georgia, church where a local pastor turned his failure to relate the message of God to people into a most profitable and enlightening training session. "For ten days I watched this pastor lead one person after another to Christ for a total of fifty-four individuals during those days."

He returned to Fort Lauderdale, his heart thrilled, revived and challenged to see the same program there. "What I then foolishly did is the same thing that thousands of others no doubt have done. I organized a class on witnessing. I gave them six lessons and sent them out. They all went home terrified! I waited a few months and tried again. This time I gave them twelve lessons—again no success. A few more months and another series, more elaborate, more complex; fifteen weeks—again no results. I do not know of one single adult that was brought to Christ by one of those laymen as a result of these interesting classes. Finally it struck me like a bolt of lightning—I had taken classes for three years and had not learned how to witness. It was not until someone who knew how had taken me out into people's homes that I finally got the confidence to do it myself."

Just recently a young man was in my office to discuss the possibility of taking a home-mission pastorate. He felt he could preach, administer and conduct the other duties of the pastorate but was terrified at the thought of visitation and personal soul-winning. Feeling his need he had gone forward when the call came for soul winners, yielding himself and asking for help, but as yet no assistance had been given. This hungering frustration could probably be expressed by many in our Brethren churches. Pastor Kennedy's experience could possibly be multiplied many times in our own church.

It was on a mountain in Galilee that our blessed Lord gave His great commission to the disciples. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing

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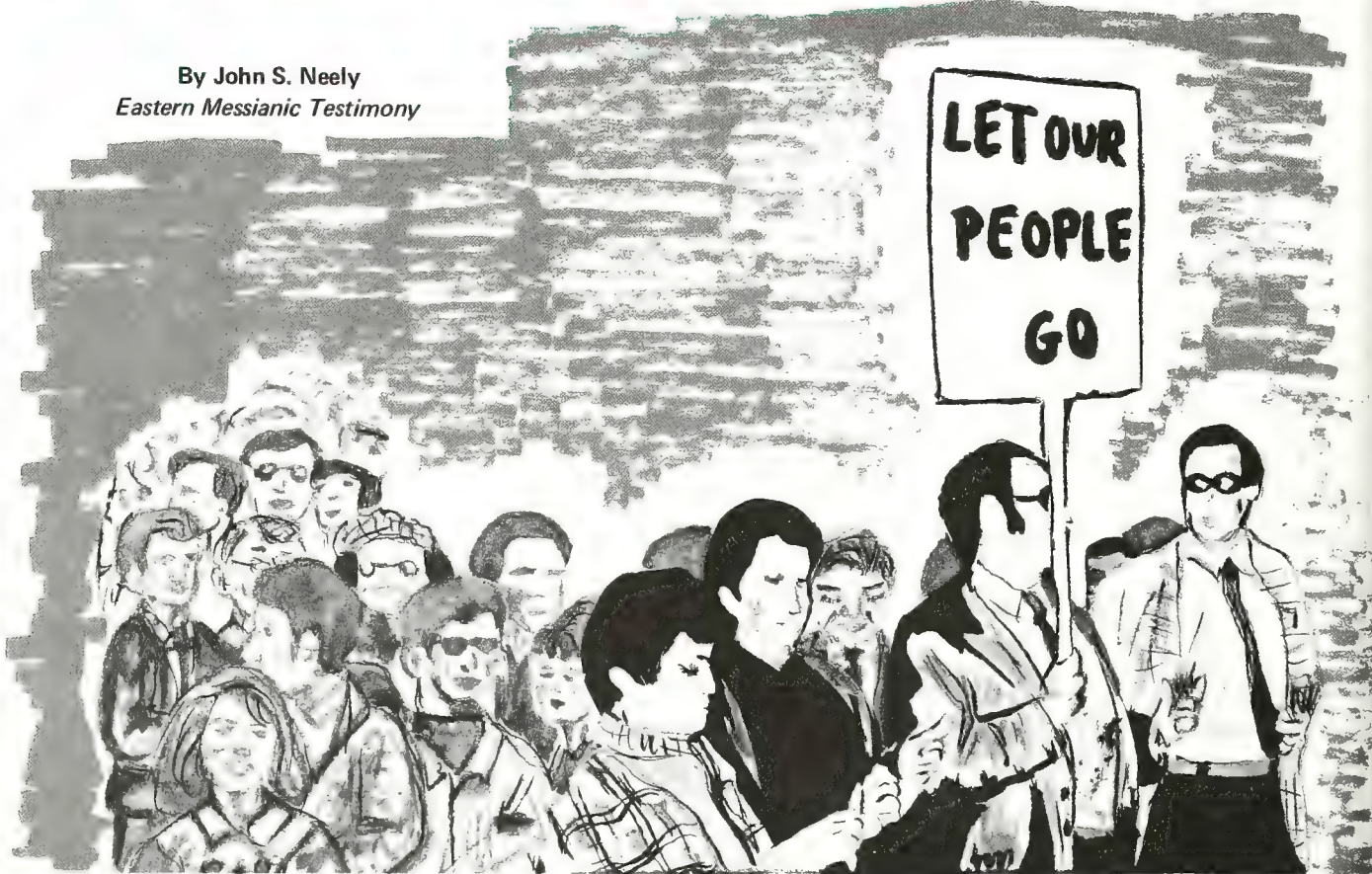
*It was at Masada where Jewish men
slew their wives and children, who willingly submitted,
then allowed their own execution rather than
yield to the overwhelming Roman hordes.
Never again. Now they would fight to the last man.*

NEVER AGAIN!

By John S. Neely
Eastern Messianic Testimony

The sun had set and *Hanukah*, 1969, had begun. For eight days Jews all over the world would light candles on Hanukah menorahs to commemorate the deliverance centuries before from a hated oppressor, Antiochus Epiphanes, the tyrant. Well remembered by the modern progeny of Abraham would be the cleansing of the Temple which had been defiled with the sacrifice of swine upon the sacred altar. Hearts in Israel would stir again to the story of the one-day's supply of oil for *Ner Tamid*, the Eternal Light, which burned for eight days until the new supply of oil was prepared.

That Hanukah in 1969 began differently for thousands of our Jewish friends in Los Angeles. Added to lighting candles in their homes, many were to march on City Hall where the mayor and other celebrities would greet them. Sally and I watched them come in an orderly, quiet procession. The darkness of the night was pene-



trated by flickering lights which fought valiantly against the onslaught of a strong breeze which threatened to extinguish the flames, for Jewish hands held lighted candles—it was Hanukah! Undoubtedly, they had remembered that ancient victory over the Syrian ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes, and the cry in their hearts now was for deliverance from a current oppressor, Soviet Russia. When I thought of these few thousands against the armed might of the USSR, I had a feeling of apprehension, and I had a question—“Would there be a retaliation against Jews in the Soviet?” I thought so, but time would tell.

It is now spring of 1971, many months later. Passover is now the Holy Day which Jews ceremonialize without a sacrifice. We think of that Passover nineteen centuries ago when One was raised on a Roman gibbet, the Lamb who would die for the sin of the world. It was then when unbelief, hatred, jealousy, ignorance and blindness would crucify God the Son, who had been born to a Jewish virgin named Mary. Today we see His people “according to the flesh” also “nailed to crosses” reared by unbelief, hatred, jealousy, ignorance and blindness for anti-Semitism raises its ugly head again and again! As we have come East to continue in our ministry to our Jewish friends, news has come before our eyes and to our ears of a league composed principally of young Hebrews which has banded together for the defense of their people. Its voice is being heard—its purpose, its zeal, its training which includes instruction in karate, and its methods have been revealed to us. Very prominent and in the foreground of this militant movement are some rabbis. And we hear the answer to the inquiry of questioners of this league as to the extent to which it would go to defend Jewish honor, “We will do what is necessary.”

“Never again” seems to be the battle cry. Did I hear correctly, “Never again would there be another

Masada”? Masada may not have too familiar a ring to a Gentile or a Christian, but to students of Jewish history, Masada is well remembered as the citadel, to which Josephus bears record, over which the hush of death hovered while Roman hordes prepared to storm its walls. It was there where burdened Jewish men slew their wives and children who willingly submitted, then allowed their own execution rather than yield to the overwhelming enemy forces, until the lone suicide of the last Jewish defender ended the siege of that beleaguered fortress.

As Sally and I have gone to Jewish homes in the Philadelphia area and have tried to engage our friends in conversation, one of our questions has been as to what they think of this organization of defenders. We sense an embarrassment in the Jewish community—and this seems to be reflected in the attitude of the State of Israel. It was also evident by the recent ejection of a rabbinical leader of this group from the Jewish conference which convened in a European country to consider the plight of the Jew in Soviet Russia. Many in Israel frown on the harassment of Soviet culture groups which perform in this country, but undeterred, the league continues with a seemingly fixed determination to carry on in spite of criticism and rejection by other Jews.

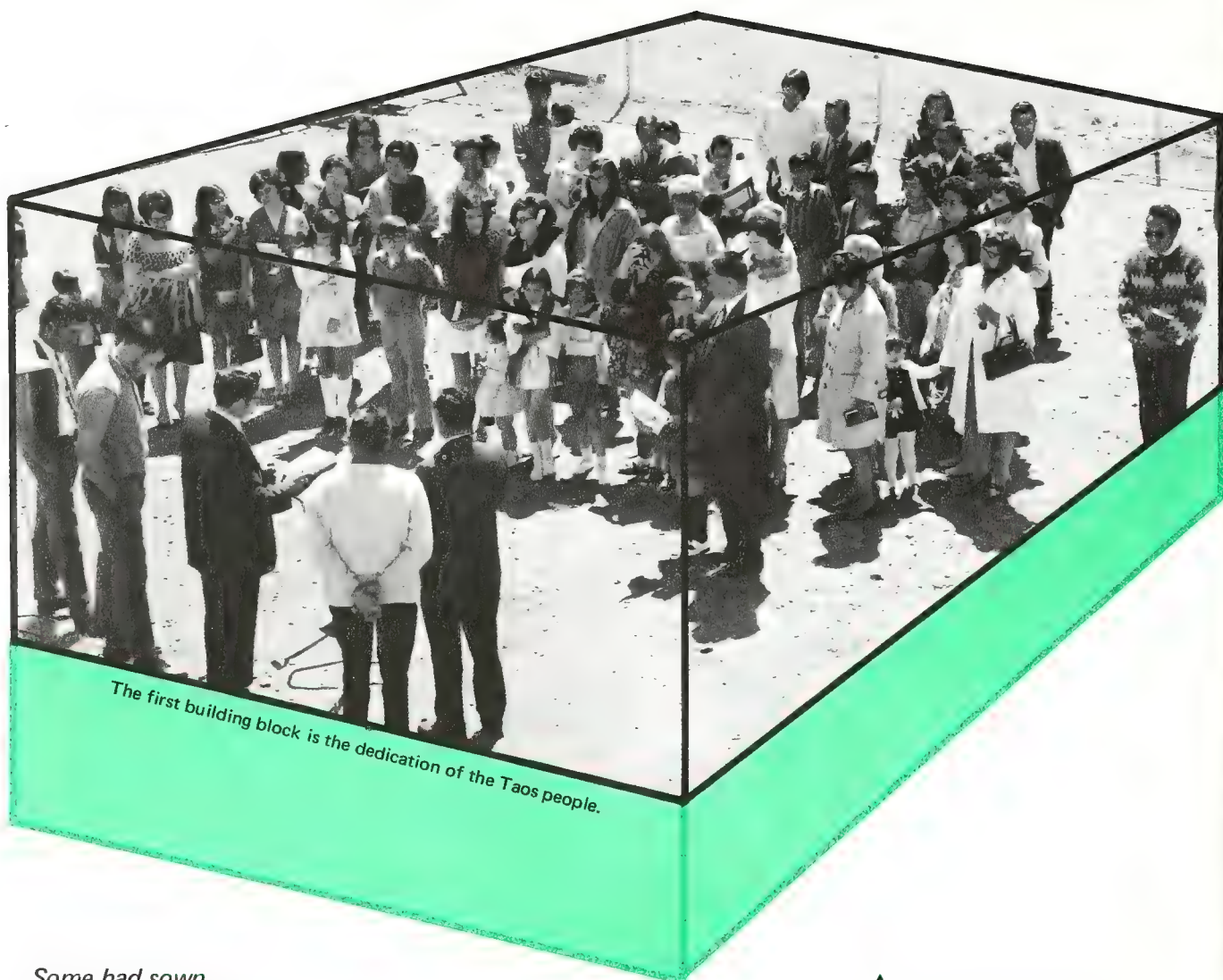
We asked a lovely Jewish lady, the wife of an instructor in a Hebrew school, what she thought of this league. Her answer was a substantiation of the “Never again!” These young men, she explained, had had fathers, mothers, grandparents and other loved ones who had suffered in Nazi concentration camps. “Never again” would there be another Dachau or an Auschwitz where six million Jews perished. “Never again” would there be the overlooking of impending doom by a “business as usual” procrastination! Never again—they would fight now even to the last man in the defense of Jewish honor.

How sad it is that our Jewish friends have forgotten the One who made the covenant with David, and the God of the inspired writer in Psalm 89:18 who shouted: “For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.” How tragic they do not know the angel of the Lord who “. . . encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them” (Ps. 34:7). The verse that follows in Psalm 34 is both blessed and convicting. We Christians have tasted and we have been blessed, but how many of us have raised our voices to our Jewish friends and have cried out, “O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him”?

Beloved Brethren, our Jewish friends need our witness for, “. . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17). May there be a “Never again” in our decision to bear our witness—that never again will we fail in our effort to reach a child of Israel for Christ. Every believer in the Body of Christ is the first line of testimony to the Jew! The Lord commanded it, and it is up to all of us to do something about it!

If you're interested . . .

There may be many who wish to witness to their Jewish friends. We would like to help you start. To the first one hundred persons who will drop us a line with just one word “handout,” dated not later than June 15, 1971, we will be pleased to mail you a small supply of *The Interpreter*. Please give your name and full address. Address your mail to Rev. John S. Neely, 1 Madison Avenue, A-1, Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974. May the Lord richly bless you for your interest.



The first building block is the dedication of the Taos people.

*Some had sown.
Others were reaping.
But God gave the increase through . . .*

TEARS AND PRAYER IN TAOS

By Rev. Robert Salazar
Pastor, Taos, N. Mex.

As an appendix to His dialogue with the Samaritans, Christ exhorted His disciples with the words, "And herein is that saying true, one soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour, other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labour."

"One soweth." The history of many works of faith begin with the vision of one with a burden. Taos is no exception. Before the church was ever physically conceived here, God placed a desire and concern for the lost in the heart of a man. The process of sowing began when that servant of God sowed the seed of the Word of God in hearts. Some seed fell on stony ground, some among the thorns, some on barren soil and, thank God, some on receptive hearts.

And so the church was born here in Taos. Through tears and prayer souls were saved and persecution was tolerated. One cannot begin to ap-

preciate all the experiences of that small but faithful flock. There are some alive today that still remember very vividly some of the pain and blessing associated with the "sowing" of those early years. But just as He promised, "The gates of hell" did not prevail against the church.

As I sit at my pastoral desk today and hear tell of those painful days of growth, I cannot help but praise the Lord for those early and faithful sowers of the Word in Taos. For since that day many have come and gone—pouring their hearts to God in service—and so "one soweth."

"Another reapeth." I'd like to think that the success of the Lord's work here in Taos is due to the efforts of its current pastor but, lest pride and not praise, be the victor here, let me be reminded that I am only reaping what others have sown.

This means that souls have been saved, buildings built, school instituted and radio broadcast programs started

The church people watched proudly as Pastor Salazar turned a shovel of dry New Mexico soil.



The Taos building committee: Amarante Romero, Robert Salazar, George Trujillo, Horacio Tafaya, Florient Maestos.


—and I only reap? Well, to an extent. For I, too, must sow while I reap the labors of others before me; that should Christ tarry in His coming, that one who follows me may reap the blessings of someone else's sowing. We continue to sow and reap here in Taos for the Lord also said we are laborers together.

The growth of God's work together with a strong desire to perform a

better and more effective ministry here in Taos dictates new physical facilities. Under the Lord's leading two years ago we began to pray that God would give us direction in the construction of new and much needed church facilities. As we prayed, the Lord blessed. Soon over two thousand dollars was placed in the Brethren Investment Foundation against that day for building.

With hammer in hand and much faith in the Lord, we set out to remodel present facilities to provide office space, social hall and other needed accommodations. Our people responded in a most commendable manner. The men of the church contributed close to 1,300 man hours of work and over \$5,000 in that short time. Five months have elapsed since then and we now occupy those facilities. There were some who said it couldn't be done. But faith has the fault of being like the mustard seed.

Today (April 4, Palm Sunday), we broke ground for our new sanctuary. Like the songwriter we, too, cry: "Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong." This venture of faith is not the first here in Taos. For this church was born, struggled, and grew in faith.

Before our Lord left Samaria, we read, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed. . . ." May it be true of Taos as well, that whereas "one soweth and another reapeth," many will believe here as well. "For we are labourers together with God." 



VISITATION . . .

(Continued from page 7)

them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20). With this statement Jesus not only gave them the method and plan for carrying out the work, but He also assured them of His continuing presence and power. In Mark's Gospel the emphasis is placed upon the individual, "... to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This divine directive can be reduced to only two small words "Go ye." Our Lord's plan was nothing more than reaching the nearest person, winning him to Christ and then teaching him to do the same for others. Thus through an ever-widening circle, the whole world could learn of the grace of God in salvation. Acts 1:8 reiterates the same objective with the promise of the Holy Spirit, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The word "mission" is derived from the Latin meaning to send. The word "visit" is also a Latin derivative and means to go. A missionary is one who is sent. A visitor is one who goes. These two words indicate two phases of the same task. Mission work requires visitation; visitation is mission work. Practically, the one who cannot visit at home could not be assured more success abroad.

Is visitation a Biblical principle of evangelism? It originated in the heart and mind of God. It began in the Garden of Eden when God came to visit Adam and Eve, "in the cool of the day" (Gen. 3:8). Throughout the history of Israel God continued to visit His creatures. He visited Abraham frequently, Moses at the burning bush and at Mt. Sinai. His visit in the darkness of the night brought the call to the young boy, Samuel.

The greatest example of God's personal interest in men comes in the visitation of His Son, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). From the moment of Christ's arrival on this earth and the beginning of His public

ministry, visitation was His program. He visited in the homes of the people, performing His first miracle in a home. He sent His disciples into the homes of the people (Matt. 10:6-12; Luke 10:5). He went out of His way to minister to the woman at the well in Samaria and Zacchaeus in Jericho (Luke 19:5). He met with family groups and went to crowded places with His message.

Visitation was practiced widely by the early Christians (Acts 2:46-47). Peter believed in visitation. John preferred visitation (II John 12; III John 14). There are many references to Paul and his visitation program (Acts 20:18-21). The ministry of Stephen and Phillip grew out of the visitation program at Jerusalem. Paul's missionary journeys, his companions, and his outstanding home-missionary efforts in establishing new churches came out of this method (Acts 16).

No effective visitation program will emerge by itself, by mere human effort or by the strong admonition from the pulpit. The need and vision for such a plan must originate from the Word of God. "And he gave some,

apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry . . ." (Eph. 4:11-12). When pastor and people work together they equally share in the responsibility and recognize that this program is God ordained and Holy Spirit oriented action will come. Initiatory action must begin with the pastor. He must set the example as a visiting soul winner. Beginning with one or two, taking the time to train them, a successful program will emerge.

It takes good preaching and keen understanding of the Word to reach people's hearts and set them aflame with compassion. It takes a consistent ministry of visitation on the part of the pastor to know the needs of his people, to preach with compassion for his people, and to set the example before the flock. To build a growing church, it takes a people who will respond to the call of Christ, the motivating ministry of the Holy Spirit, and who will stand with the pastor in relating the message through visitation to the lost.

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Church News

JERUSALEM. The city of Jerusalem will be the site of a conference on Prophecy during the month of June. Many Christians throughout the world will gather to hear messages from the Scriptures. Tom Julien, Brethren missionary to France, will be among those attending. Mr. Julien has consented to cover the conference for the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, and will bring us an article on the background of the conference as well as some impressions of the sessions themselves. The articles will appear in the July issues of the *Herald*.

PALMYRA, PA. There was a total of 31 personal decisions made in the recent evangelistic meetings with Rev. Allen Herr. These decisions make a total of 49 so far this year. Arthur Frank, pastor.

KETTERING, OHIO. It soon became obvious something special was going to happen. Church members nearly filled the sanctuary. Several visitors came in. Relatives from Virginia and friends from Maryland arrived. A large group from a former pastorate was there. Friends came who had accepted the Lord under special ministries. Then it was announced . . . *Barnhart Appreciation Day*. The people of the Calvary Brethren Church had set aside Mar. 28 to thank Pastor and Mrs. Henry Barnhart for nearly 14 years of untiring ministry. A special noon meal was held and an afternoon program, "Do You Remember," recounted the years of ministry. A generous love offering was given by the congregation and friends.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Rev. Duane S. Jorgens has been extended a call to continue his work as Minister of Christian Education for the First Brethren Church.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Attendance reached the 40 mark at the First Brethren Church Apr. 4, and 33 attended the evening communion service. Rev. John Neely is conducting a Wednesday-night Bible study on Jewish evangelism using a Moody correspondence course "Trumpet in Zion."

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The youth of the Los Altos Brethren Church are responding positively to the bi-monthly meetings of the "Last Generation" a youth oriented, participative fellowship. Ten first-time decisions were made from among the 65 present at the second meeting. Over the past 4 weeks, 36 decisions have been recorded. Half of these have been to receive Christ. Donald P. Shoemaker, pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA. A conference on Bible Prophecy and the Jew was held Apr. 18-21 with Dr. Henry J. Heydt and Rev. Robert E. A. Miller as speakers. Dr. Henry Heydt is the missionary liaison director and president of the Jewish Missionary Training Institute of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Rev. Robert Miller has charge of the Mid-Atlantic district headquarters of the same organization. Robert L. Burns, pastor.

MINERVA, OHIO. Pastor and Mrs. Dennis Beach became the parents of Melissa Elaine, born Mar. 22.

CORRECTION. In the Mar. 20, 1971 *Brethren Missionary Herald*, an article appeared on page 6 entitled, "Alexander Mack, Founder of the Brethren Movement." An error appeared in the article which stated, "This translation has the distinction of being the first translation of the Bible from a European language into English in America." It should have stated that Christopher Sower published the first Bible in a European language (German) in America.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. All attendance records were shattered at the Grace Brethren Church by a registration of 1,127 in Sunday school (two more than the goal); 1,087 in the morning worship services, and 535 on Sunday evening. A special offering goal of \$4,500 to purchase a carry-all station wagon for the Marvin Lowerys in Kentucky was exceeded by \$1,900. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

CHANGES. Please make the following changes in your *Annual*. Grace Brethren Church, Box 3675, Carroll Reece Station, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE. Moderator William F. Tweeddale says: "We are working toward a *Great, Great American Rally* as an opening to national conference Sunday, Aug. 8. It will be held in the historic Billy Sunday Tabernacle with Dr. William Ward Ayer as the featured speaker. A concert band will be there to present a patriotic program. As conference week progresses, another 'don't miss it' will be the Wednesday Bible hour. Taking the form of a panel discussion, this session will cover the topic 'I've Found the Answer to Raising Christian Children.' The session will then be open for questions and feedback. We feel the family is a cornerstone in the Brethren Church and needs some real emphasis."

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
West Alexandria, Ohio	May 16-22	Harold Combs	Henry Barnhart
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	May 23-30	Robert Combs	Allen Herr

New Edition of ASV To Be Released

Ten years of work translating the Scriptures has been climaxed with the publication of the *New American Standard Bible*. More than 58 different scholars in Hebrew and Greek have been working on the project. The New Testament was completed in 1963 and was an immediate success in sales. When the work started, a survey of evangelical scholars revealed the fact that the American Standard Version of 1901 was in their opinion "the most faithful translation available." Plans at first called for an updating of this version, but study showed that a complete translation would be more effective.

One of the unique characteristics of the new version is that translators had access to nearly 5,000 ancient manuscripts, geological finds, and historical documents not available to the translators of the King James Version. The goal of the translators was not to produce a piece of literature but, "we were much more interested in producing a Bible to believe in."

Those selected for the translating team were chosen because of their excellent scholarship and evangelical theology. With the release of the version it will be interesting to see whether they have been able, as they have said, to produce "a Bible to believe in." Time and study will reveal this.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Attendance figures neared the three-digit bracket on Easter Sunday with 95 present for the Easter program, and 97 attending the morning service. The first communion service was held Apr. 6 with 26 participating. Thomas Inman, pastor.

ORDER NOW AND SAVE! Church financial officers may want to consider ordering 1972 offering envelopes prior to June 30 and take advantage of the "early order discount." Your envelopes can be shipped at whatever date you specify for mailing, and you need not pay for them until you start to use them. Printing and production costs continue to climb, but you can save by ordering early. Send your order to the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590, for prompt, efficient service.

TAOS, N. MEX. It was an earth shaking "Youth Quake" at the Canon Brethren Church Apr. 5-9. Youth from as far away as California, Colorado and Indiana came for the event. Rev. Leon Davis and Prof. Fred Fogle were on hand to give the challenges.

The men of the church have been actively involved in the building program. One week 159 man hours of labor were donated, bringing the total to 800 hours. Robert Salazar, pastor.

"SPECIAL ISSUE" COMING UP NEXT!

"I never realized the Missionary Herald Company did all those things! I thought you just published a magazine!" This is a typical comment after someone from the BMH speaks at a church or a district conference.

Well, the next issue of the *Herald*, dated May 29, will be what we consider a "special one." In it, we're going to tell you just *what* the Brethren Missionary Herald does. How we keep twenty people busy, running a six-day-week operation getting out the Gospel in various printed forms.

Watch for the next issue of the *Herald* . . . we hope you enjoy reading about us, as much as we enjoyed working to put this particular issue together.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Horace Mohler has resigned as assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, effective June 1. He has accepted the call to become administrator-chaplain of the Grace Brethren Village Retirement Home.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. The sanctuary choir of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church presented the John Peterson Easter cantata "No Greater Love" at the evening service, Apr. 11, to approximately 160 people. Mrs. Edna McClellan was the director with Mrs. Sharri Sizelove at the piano and Mrs. Dale Brock at the organ. Following the cantata, a food shower was given to Pastor and Mrs. Dale Brock.

JOIN OUR TOUR! Visit Mexico City and Acapulco with the Herald Tour following national conference. The eight-day tour will begin Saturday, Aug. 14, and visit interesting tourist attractions in Mexico. It will be possible to begin the tour from Chicago or Los Angeles. Tour directors will be Charles W. Turner, executive editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, and Pastor Ralph Colburn, chairman of the board. Further information is available from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; or Rev. Ralph Colburn, 3490 La Jara, Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

COVINGTON, OHIO. Pastor Ralph F. Miller has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church effective July 14. His future plans are indefinite.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Mexico has a new meaning to twelve young people and two adults of the First Brethren Church who participated in the ministry of World Gospel Crusades over the Easter holiday. They were part of over 250 people from California and Arizona who attended the International Christian Youth Festival—an effort to reach Mexicans in Tijuana for Christ. Most of the time was spent in orientation, spiritual preparation and literature distribution, as well as rallies on two nights. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

WARSAW, IND. Betty Bowman of the Community Grace Brethren Church was named SMM Girl of the Year at the Indiana District Conference held at Winona Lake.

A Word of Life "Blueprint for Teenage Evangelism" was held recently, proving to be a very profitable time for the 150 young people in attendance. Mark E. Malles, pastor.

CANTON, OHIO. The formal presentation of the Alexander Mack portrait was made to the Canton Baptist Temple by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council. The presentation took place during the morning worship service on Easter Sunday. The 90-minute service was televised, and 6,447 were in attendance. The portrait was placed in the Christian Hall of Fame at the church. The details of this event appeared in the Mar. 20, *Brethren Missionary Herald*.

DO YOU HAVE ONE?

A request has been made for a copy of the National Ministerium Constitution. If you have a copy and would forward it to Rev. Jerry Young, 5519 W. 43rd St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46254, it would be appreciated.

RADFORD, VA. On Sunday morning, July 12 of last year, little Donald Ratcliffe was on his way to Sunday school at the Fairlawn Brethren Church of Radford, Va. He complained of being tired. He was too tired to go to the class that he loved. The next day his mother took him to the doctor. He was admitted to the Radford Community Hospital. After a series of tests and a visit to the University of Virginia Hospital, it was determined that Donald had leukemia. One doctor predicted from six months to two years for Donald. Now, almost a year is gone, and the disease continues to take its toll. Expenses, already in excess of \$1,000, continue to mount. New drugs are being used to keep Donald in "remission"—a period of time when the leukemia is inactive. After awhile, however, the drug becomes ineffective; the leukemia again becomes active and another medication must be used. There is no cure and medications for keeping the disease inactive are running out. The pain, suffering and expense for Donald, his mother and father, brother Robert, and sister Susan, will certainly increase. Only the Lord in His good providence knows how long.

The Fairlawn Brethren Church has established a "Donald Ratcliffe Fund" and is administering an account opened at the Fairlawn Branch of the Virginia National Bank. This fund will be used to help care for the medical expense of Donald. Roy Glass, pastor.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CUTLIP, Ron, 31, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, went into the Lord's presence Apr. 8. Knute Larson, pastor.

EMEIGH, Warren, a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa., died recently. John Gregory, pastor.

HOLSINGER, Vernard, a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, died during the church service Apr. 11, immediately after he had sung a solo "Open the Gates of the Temple." Rev. Russell Ward officiated at the funeral. Eloy Pacheco, pastor.

KEMPER, Lewis E., 70, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va., since 1945 passed away Mar. 30. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

LANGSTRAAT, Dorothy, 46, passed away Apr. 4 following a lengthy illness. She was a member of the Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Donald P. Shoemaker, pastor.

WEYANT, JESSIE, a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa., died recently. John Gregory, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Eileen Bader and Morgan T. Lewis, Mar. 23, Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

Diana Corral and David Keifling, Mar. 27, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Bonnie Koch and Mike Armbruster, Apr. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Yolanda Shopbell and Daniel Mast, Apr. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Christine Ryerson and Dennis Brown, Apr. 3, First Brethren Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ruth Stoneback and John Worthington, Apr. 3, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1971 NFBC NATIONAL CONFERENCE - AUG. 6-13

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CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Does God Still Guide?

J. Sidlow Baxter (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971), 191 pages, cloth, \$4.95.

"No question has been asked more often of me by Christian believers than this," says Dr. Baxter, "How can I experience divine guidance?" His answer is capably presented in his familiar homiletical style.

Passing over general guidance given in Scripture, he focuses on direct guidance given in individual cases. The avenues of guidance are those suggested by F. B. Meyer years ago, illustrated in his story of the three lights which must be aligned to enter Liverpool harbor. The "three lights" which must be aligned to guide us in God's will are 1) the written Word, 2) the inner urging of the Holy Spirit, 3) outer circumstances.

The subject is treated in two main parts. Part one, "Aspects of Guidance" (six chapters), sets forth the ways to know God's will. Part two, "Adjuncts of Guidance" (five chapters), sets forth the spiritual life essential to such guidance. A brief postscript stresses the need of a "truly consecrated life" to discern the Spirit's guidance. The book is generally a good statement of Biblical teaching on the subject, amply illustrated by the experiences of outstanding Christians.

However, it has two conspicuous weaknesses in the opinion of this reviewer. One is its all but exclusive concentration on the careers of ministers and missionaries, leaving the vast bulk of Christians who remain in "secular" work without adequate instruction or examples in guidance.

The other is the failure of the contents (which are past tense) to fulfill the title (which is present tense). The modifier, "Still," clearly implies a contemporary study. Even the foreword and the opening page cast the theme in terms of the despair in which "twentieth century science, discovery, invention and education [have] landed us." If this leads you to expect a book about people who have heard from God in the twentieth century, you are misled. His witnesses are eighteenth and nineteenth century leaders (e.g., Carey, Wesley, Judson, Finney), or his

own acquaintances recalled from "horse and buggy" days.

I do not contend that it is weak to write a book on Biblical doctrine and omit the twentieth century (although many would). I do contend that it is bad form to bait your title and your opening with a subject you are not going to discuss in your book.

The real content of Dr. Baxter's book is more accurately described in his subtitle, "What are the Essentials of Guidance and Growth in the Christian Life?" This is what he actually writes about, and he writes it well.—*Russell Ogden, pastor of the Denver Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo.*

Seek No Tomorrow

Bernard Palmer (Chicago: Moody Press, 1971), 176 pages, \$3.95.

Bernard Palmer is back with another Christian novel and this time it deals with drug abuse. Having written more than 165 books, his name is known to the Christian reading public.

"Tell me, Cliff—exactly what has the church done for you?" Cliff Morgan was really mixed up. What Sharon said made sense, and her questions couldn't be answered even by Cliff who was preparing for the ministry. When he discovered Sharon Ross was hooked on heroin he dropped out of school and decided not to go into the ministry.

Later Cliff decides to take a job in Yellowstone Park with hopes that he might be of help to young people who were mixed up and turned on. In Yellowstone, his new friend, Johnny Jefferson, while on LSD dies by drowning. Cliff then begins to work as a narcotics agent hoping to help stop drug abuse. One night at a religious meeting where Cliff was to meet a contact he saw Sharon Ross but she was not with her hippie friends. She was the speaker on the program. After the meeting, they talked about what had happened since they had last met. They agreed that religion is not the answer to their problems—but Jesus Christ is.

This story has a wonderful message and answers many questions that teenagers (adults, too) may have about life.—*Jacque Moine, Freshman at Wadsworth High School, Wadsworth, Ohio*

In a recent publication that has just reached my desk there appears one of the most amazing confessions touching the area of education. It appears in an article entitled, "Educators Don't Know What Education Should Do," and is sponsored by the "Academy for Educational Development, Inc.," whose avowed purpose is to serve "schools, colleges, universities, governmental agencies, and other organizations wishing to improve their educational training programs and develop plans for the future."

This article is written by Billy O. Wireman, president of Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, Florida, whom you would expect to be the first to claim that he knows exactly what education should do. After informing the reader that record enrollments of students have been welcomed into the educational institutions of the land in the fall of 1970—eight million in the field of higher education, and fifty million on the elementary and secondary level of the public schools—he is then forced to admit that: "The truth is that no one seems to know what education is supposed to do, much less how it is supposed to do it."

THERE IS A LOSS OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Unrest on the campuses of private and public colleges and universities of the land with attendant problems, along with the cross-bussing and dress-code problems in the public schools, are just symptoms of a more serious and pressing problem; namely, the massive loss of confidence in American education. The writer insists that this unfortunate development stems basically "from the stubborn unwillingness or more probably, the tragic inability of educators to articulate a simple, compelling, and clearly understood rationale for education."

Growing out of this situation, education at all levels in America is performing nowhere near its maximum potential, and in addition to this it is locked in a confused and hopeless quest for itself. In support of this conclusion, the writer cites the statements of several notables: the first, Chancellor Heard of Vanderbilt University, who was appointed by President Nixon to head the commission on campus unrest. When the report was made to the President the meeting was

A Sad Commentary on Education

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

opened with the question: "What is a university for?" President Nixon also made some startling statements last spring when he admitted that we know very little about learning and less about how education in America is to be financed.

No one in the educational community, to say nothing about those on the outside, is able to assess the causes for this tragic situation. How strange that this startling discovery should be made by a nation that has placed almost a blind faith in anything called education. The President is undoubtedly right, that the university is mistaken in attributing all the ills of American society to government. Most certainly some of the ills, perhaps a very great share of them, must be traced to the educational institutions themselves.

EDUCATION IN AMERICA HAS BEEN OVERSOLD

A noted educator recently declared that higher education was to have accomplished the feat of tying the country together in one cohesive unit. If so, then this grandiose and ambitious undertaking has ended in a calamitous failure, as the past ten years will amply attest. Skyrocketing enrollments have demonstrated the university's lack of managerial know-how. Sheer increase in size has outstripped the administrative capacity of the university to manage the enterprise.

The results have been deadly. Fragmentation of the educational com-

munity and a dehumanization of the atmosphere have left faculty and students alike frustrated and discouraged. The resulting disenchantment, boredom, and student unrest have often and alarmingly issued in violence, destruction of property, and death. Not only has this been the effect upon the campus, but the American public too has become disenchanted. Parents and taxpayers are disturbed because the educational institutions do not stick to the business of educating, and the students and faculty are aroused because the university does not do more to remake American society.

A NEW ERA OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS DAWNING

A disturbing revolution is under way. There is a demand by the public in general, and by the student population in particular, for vast changes that will make the educational process relevant to the times and the problems of the world. When an educator admits that the major problem facing education is not economic, but philosophic, he is doubtless putting his finger on the real issue. But is this more than a mere, blind groping in the dark for a kind of philosophy that is needed? Higher education in general has had a philosophy, but it has been the wrong philosophy. It has been a philosophy purely on the human and natural level. It has been self-centered and self-serving. It has at last turned upon itself and is issuing in self-destruction.

In a desperate effort to come up with something that can be used as a basis of accountability for educators, President Wireman has suggested four things:

"(1) Free the intellect from ignorance and make of it a critical but constructive instrument. . .

"(2) Examine the moral and ethical dimensions of a student's life and encourage him to develop a set of values that he will bring to each decision. . .

"(3) Bring the student in contact with a possible life's vocation. . .

"(4) Develop in each student the ability to express himself creatively through the fine arts and some sport or hobby that he will use as a leisure-time skill."

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The Grace Seminary Women's Fellowship officers: Back row (l to r): Mrs. Paul Woodruff, sr. rep.; Mrs. Guy Rathmell, treas.; Mrs. Jerry Classen, corr. secy.; Mrs. John Willett, rec. secy.; Mrs. Robert Gifford, jr. rep. Front row (l to r): Mrs. Thomas Hammers, advisor; Mrs. James Ament, pres.; Mrs. Roy Polman, pres. elect; Mrs. Jared Burkholder, midd. rep.

Your college years are finally over—those four exciting years of training in which you made so many lasting friendships. During those years you met your intended, that one God had chosen especially for you. He asked you to marry him, you happily said Yes, the big day arrived and you were married. Now your goal in life is to be the best wife you possibly can, allowing him to be leader in all areas of your life, and endeavoring to help him to be ever close to God, continually seeking and doing His will. Your husband plans on going into the ministry and, to prepare for it he is going to enroll in Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Suddenly, the thought hits you like never before—you will someday be a pastor's wife. What does all this involve? He receives years of training to help him prepare for what lies ahead. But what about training for you? You have heard that being a minister's wife isn't the easiest task in the world. Are you to go into the position "cold"?

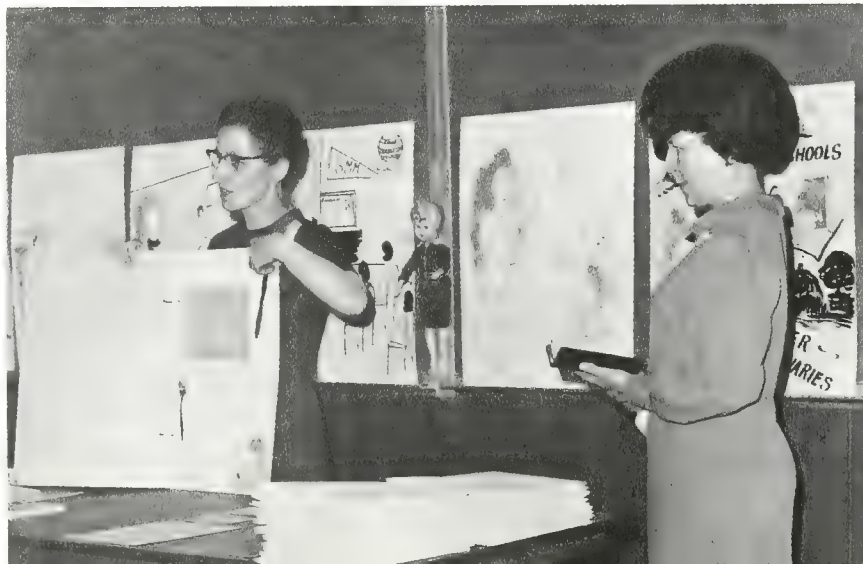
In the latter part of 1950, some of the seminary wives felt excluded from their husband's seminary life and sensed the need for fellowship with other seminary women. They also realized the real need for a course especially designed to benefit the wives of future pastors and missionaries. Several of the women got together and prayed concerning this matter and in January 1951, the Seminary Women's

Fellowship was organized. From the first SWF meeting to the meetings today, the main purpose of the organization has been to help prepare future pastor and missionary wives for their service and to enable them to deal with their special problems.

With the development of the Faculty Women's Organization, they became sponsors and advisors to the Seminary Women's Fellowship in order to aid them in their organization—especially in their program planning.

In order to help the seminary wife grow in the Lord and become more effective for the Lord in the area in which she and her family will be serving when they leave Grace Seminary, a three-year curriculum was established. Basically, the program is

Mrs. Thomas Hammers, advisor (left), and Mrs. Bill Smith use their experience and knowledge to help the women prepare for days ahead.



SOMEDAY

geared to the pastor's wife. However, it has proved to be very profitable to all women who have attended. The basic three-year program with some of the topics for discussion is as follows:

First Year — *The Pastor's Wife*

1. As to personal requisites
2. As a gracious hostess and financier
3. As a member, worker, and leader among women

Second Year — *The Pastor's Wife in Christian Education*

1. The Sunday school
 - a. Departmentalization
 - b. Building and equipment
2. The women's organization

Third Year — *The Pastor's Wife in Missionary and Bible Education*

1. The missionary woman on the field
2. Bible doctrine
 - a. Man
 - b. God
 - c. Angels

If a woman completes the full three-year course, attending at least six of the meetings each year and compiling a notebook of the notes she has taken at each meeting, she is awarded a special certificate at a Seminary Women's Fellowship graduation service to which the husbands are invited.

Just as we Christians must evaluate our lives and endeavor to grow in the Lord, so must an organization. Seminary Women's Fellowship has found the evaluation of its present program

A PASTOR'S WIFE

By Judy Simcox

With Lillian Ament,
Donna Rathmell and
Bonnie Rockafellow

fairly easy, due to the interest and suggestions of the women who attend SWF.

Because of the increased desire on the part of many of the women to "keep up" with their husbands in seminary, the program has been revised for this coming school year. Instead of meeting once a month for an hour, SWF will meet twice a month for two hours. The first hour will be a Bible study on a book of the Bible, taught by one of the seminary professors. The second hour of the evening will be devoted to the original SWF program. An added feature will be a practical workshop putting that month's ideas to work.

One of the greatest advantages the student in a Christian college or seminary enjoys is that of constant fellowship with other believers. The wives of the seminary students also need this fellowship. Thus, SWF was created, not only for training, but for Christian fellowship. SWF has sponsored many things to give a spiritual and social lift to the seminary wife and her husband. At each of the SWF meetings there is a time of refreshment and fellowship during which time the women are able to meet other wives and share common interests with one another.

To foster this inter-relationship, SWF developed a big and little sister program whereby the middler and senior girls receive the name, address, and phone number of an incoming junior wife. The big sister is encouraged to bring her little sister to a get-acquainted tea held before the first meeting of the year as well as take her to the first meeting. She is also encouraged to entertain her and her family in her home.

Other opportunities for developing friendships are provided for the families, including at least two pot-luck dinners each school year. The SWF newspaper and telephone girls whose

job it is to call the wives informing them of meetings and other events taking place are means used to stimulate interest in the organization.

If a wife wishes to take any of the courses her husband is enrolled in, or any other courses offered at the seminary, she is encouraged to do so. She must first be qualified to enroll as a student, and must also pay the regular fees upon enrolling.

Several women, wives and single women, have enrolled at Grace Seminary as full-time students, thus earning a degree. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., vice president and dean of the seminary, has made this statement concerning the place of women in seminary: "Grace Seminary is happy to have women students enrolled in preparation for Christian service. They are eligible either for the Master of

Divinity degree or a one-year certificate in the Biblical studies course. If they take the regular Master of Divinity program (with specialization in either Christian Education or Interdepartmental Studies) they take the same courses as men students with the exception of Homiletics II and III. These two courses require actual preaching and women students waive these courses and substitute others of their choice."

A seminary wife, whether working at an outside job to help her husband complete his training or at home with their children, has an important task in helping her husband to prepare for the pastorate or some other field of Christian service. Grace Seminary is pleased to have an organization such as Seminary Women's Fellowship to aid the students' wives in this task.

A SAD COMMENTARY . . .

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THESE ARE HIGH SOUNDING WORDS OF NOTHINGNESS

So far as I am able to see, these four suggestions are not any different than those I have been hearing for years from educators. These suggestions are high and lofty sounding, but there is nothing in them that defines precisely what they mean. As they stand, one is left out on the wide, wide ocean with no port in sight. In this situation there can be no good as a final result.

If it were possible to define these suggestions in terms of the Christian faith, as set forth in the Scriptures and centered in Christ, there would be some hope for the future. But the educational enterprise generally constituted is not about to do that. So the dismal harvest will continue.

But this is exactly what Grace Theological Seminary and Grace Col-

lege have done. That is why we do not have frustrated students attending the school. That is why the campus is not fragmented, and why there has been no dehumanization of the atmosphere. That is why students become involved, and are directing their lives toward worthwhile vocations that will make needed contributions toward society and bring glory to the God revealed in Christ, whom we worship and glorify. That is why alumni have not lost confidence in the schools, and that is why alumni giving has not dropped off.

On the negative side, it is being demonstrated all across the land that you cannot remove God and the Scriptures from the scene of education without reaping the harvest that goes with it: fragmentation, dehumanization, degeneration, disenchantment, destruction. While on the positive side, in schools such as Grace there is further confirmation that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge . . ." (Prov. 1:7).

"We Saw the Hand of God Move"

By Randy Maxson

Take a forty-one passenger bus, supply one excellent driver, mix well thirty-eight college students who have learned a set of songs, give them a sixteen-day, 2,500 mile itinerary that will take them through five states and twenty-three concerts, add a capable director, and you have one ready-made Spring Concert Choir Tour. Right? Well perhaps, if you want *just* a choir tour!

The Grace College Concert Choir didn't want *just* a tour. When they left on March 27, their goal was to present that which was in their hearts, the love

of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even the basic ingredients were special. The bus itself was a direct answer to prayer. The bus driver not only knew where he was going on the road but his spiritual direction was also visible. Said one of the fellows, "Tour wouldn't be the same without Ernie Ringler." The thirty-eight students did not learn songs primarily; they filled their hearts with a message and let that message flow out through the music.

"It is a great thing," said Daryle Emch, "to see a group sent out to do the job of a choir, transformed into an

evangelistic team." What causes this? Professor Donald Ogden, having offered his musical talent to the Lord for service, was the spark plug. His drive, concern, and love radiated to each choir member. His goals were that of giving glory to God . . . a reflection of the philosophy of Grace. On tour, "Prof" seems more like a loving father than anything else. He helps us adapt to problem situations, encourages us, and even disciplines us when we need it! Each person develops a love for him that is hard to describe.

The choir is now in its seventeenth year. Does Grace College consider it all worthwhile? Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, said, "We would certainly not have the choir if it did not do its assigned task." We now ask, "What task does it have?" Professor Ogden, chairman of the music department, as well as the director of the choir, sees a fivefold responsibility laid upon the choir: (1) to develop a loyalty to Grace Schools within the churches in which they are allowed to minister; (2) to interest students in Grace College and its unique, totally

"I Was Scared to Death"

By Judy Herdlicka

Operation Sunshine—what a fantastic week! Have you ever shared your faith with someone you didn't know? If you haven't, I challenge you to go to Daytona Beach, Florida, with Campus Crusade over spring break. There, ten of us from Grace, eight girls and two boys, joined with "God's squad" of seven hundred other Christians. It was so neat to walk down the crowded beach relating Jesus Christ to some of the thousands of searching high school and college students.

To help us grow in the Word, Josh McDowell, a very dynamic speaker, spoke to us every morning and evening on the Book of Romans. He challenged us to take on the boldness of Paul and to be sensitive to people's needs. After our morning sessions, we all scattered around the churchyard and had our personal devotions. This was an especially meaningful part of the day since it was hard to find any spare time alone in our busy schedules. Following devotions, we met for group instructions and then headed for the

beach and motels. It was really great to see fellow Christian believers communicating the love of Christ with others along the beach.

Most of the students we contacted were at Daytona because they wanted to get away from college life, its pressures and restrictions. They came to Daytona to "let their hair down" and live it up with "sex, suds, and sun" and believe me, they did! Yet, by the end of the week when they were starting to get bored, one could actually see a certain loneliness in their eyes. They were searching for something they couldn't find in worldly pleasures.

On the whole, those we talked with were really responsive and inquisitive. They respected us for sharing our beliefs and testimonies, and as a result many prayed to receive Christ. One girl pondered: "You mean that just by asking Christ into my life, I can leave here with all my sins forgiven?" Many are just starving for love and it's hard for them to comprehend God's great

Christ-centered program; (3) To strengthen Christians through testimony and praise; (4) to present, both in concert and out, the Lord Jesus Christ and His victorious atoning work to those who might not know Him; and (5) to bring each choir member to a new and higher plane of Christian endeavor, love, and insight.

Churches, and individuals within churches, have sacrificed in order to aid Grace Schools financially. This is a very powerful indicator of their loyalty and support. In turn, these people who stand by, and with, Grace College and its endeavor to provide a truly Christian liberal-arts education, are deserving of our best. Further, the expressions of thanks and the hospitality provided by the pastors and people gave us an added challenge to be faithful. Their warmth and gratitude confirmed the correctness of our ministry in presenting Jesus Christ.

Young people who are now at Grace will oftentimes remark that the students on such team endeavors were the keys to convincing them that Grace College could provide what they wanted in an education. A living Christ, relevant to their problems and their desires, was portrayed.

Feedback comes to the college

from many who have been blessed by the ministry of the choir. If the Lord Jesus has been lifted up and praised by their ministry, the choir is happy. But even more joy is felt when the people of God relay that they have been touched by the message brought. One choir member said: "To be used by God for His service was the part of choir tour that meant more to me than all the good times."

Since Jesus Christ is our message, there is no greater joy than to see someone accept Him as personal Saviour. Randy Shultz, a freshman from Whittier, California, was used by the Lord in a special way on tour. "I had the opportunity to lead others to the Lord and to see unhappy people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Being used by the Lord and experiencing Christian fellowship with the kids has been the highpoint of my life. And I'm happy to say that the Lord has only begun to work."

We have many precious memories of tour, including the unity felt as we laid hold upon God to work, and then saw the hand of God move. The real key was the fact that many of us had asked God to clean up *our* lives as well. When we fully dedicated our lives to Christ, the choir became one.

There were spiritual victories within the group. Sallie Bechtel, a Creative Studies Major from Minerva, Ohio, said that she became tired of trying to "fake" Christianity. "This role really began to grind on my nerves when I found out that my 'imitation' Christianity was far from the faith which the kids in the concert choir possessed! They really lived what they said they believed, and I thank God for using them to bring me to a true saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ on this tour."

Is choir tour worthwhile? Prof. Ogden feels that blessing in any area makes it worthwhile. Only the Lord knows all that results from a tour like the one just completed. As a choir, we want God's will . . . nothing more and definitely nothing less. We believe in God's working and that Grace Schools will continue to follow God's direction. As long as there is a faithful Grace College, we want an active, working, serving Concert Choir.

Perhaps the theme of the choir can be summed up in a short chorus which became very precious to those on tour—"All that I am; All that I have; All I shall ever be; Cannot repay the Love Debt I owe. I surrender to Thee."

love and concern for their lives.

The New Folk, J.P.'s, who are a Christian folk rock group, Andre Kole, and the Campus Crusade weight-lifting team all played an important part in reaching students for Jesus Christ. After each performance, two crusade kids would "divide and conquer," that is, on a one-to-one basis we would confront these students with the claims of Christ.

Yes, those of us who had the opportunity to go to Daytona, really learned and experienced something of what the abundant and fruitful life of a Christian is about.

Cheryl Robinson, a freshman at Grace, says, "For the first time in eighteen years I have learned how to very simply give even total strangers the opportunity to receive Christ, by simply presenting the Four Spiritual Laws. All we need to do is share God's Word with them and the Holy Spirit will take care of the rest. Why don't more of us relate our faith with others? It's such a thrill and privilege."

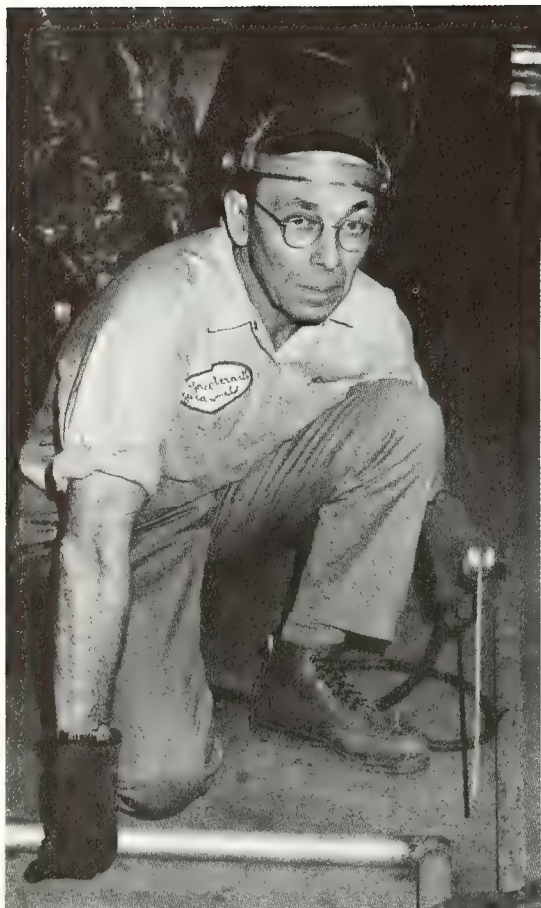
Vickie Guiliams, also a Grace freshman, relates: "The Lord allowed me to give these students an opportunity to accept Christ, not as just a 'good man' or someone irrelevant to this world, but as their own personal Saviour."

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ! These words of Paul were repeated over and over by me, Jane Moulton, as I walked slowly on the beach looking for the one God wanted me to talk to. The privilege was definitely mine as I related the love of Jesus Christ to high school and college girls. No one laughed or became angry. They knew their need, and were searching for an answer to their meaningless lives. God blessed me a hundred times over for giving my Easter vacation back to Him, but the greatest blessing of all was to see one of the girls I talked to receive Christ into her heart."

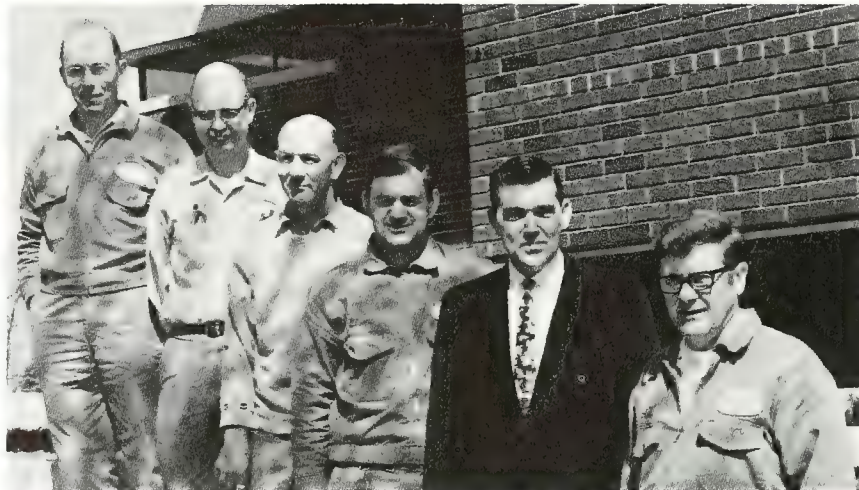
The Lord really can use our bodies if we are only willing to say, "God, here's my life, use it." I hate to say this, but it took me twenty-one years

to find this out. I am presently a senior at Grace but never in all my life have I experienced the joy and enthusiasm that I now have—and it all happened just by letting God speak through me. Before I went to Daytona I was scared to death, but the Lord helped me to overcome this fear by putting my eyes on Him. He showed me that I am not to be embarrassed or ashamed but I am to speak out with boldness. In Philippians 1:20 we read, "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."

This past week I claimed this as my life's verse. Now I pray that those of us who were blessed at Daytona, will not lose our joy and enthusiasm, but will carry it over to you, so that you, too, can experience the abundant and fruitful Christian life. It's the greatest!



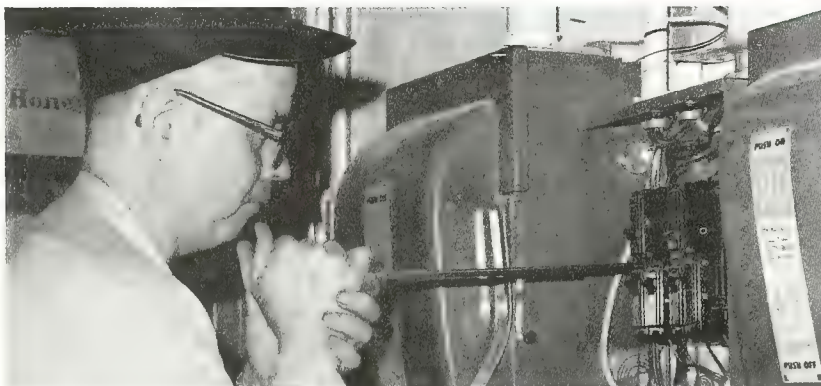
George Miley



The Grace Schools maintenance crew: (l to r) George Miley, Joe Vandermolen, Dale Martin, Glenn Stauffer, John Hartman, Harold Witzky, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

Maintenance Is Their Ministry

By Wes Stouder



Joe Vandermolen



Mrs. Lee Jenkins, secretary



Harold Witzky

Ernie Ringler

Photos by John Burtoft

Spring is the most beautiful season of the year. At least to people who live in areas that have long, cold winters, the returning robins are a welcome sight. Spring is an especially enjoyable time for the Grace College students, when the fresh breath of a gentle breeze brings back beauty and life to the winter-stricken campus. The budding flowers, green grass, and the well-manicured landscape are a credit to the never-ending efforts of the maintenance department.

The department, supervised by Mr. Harold Witzky for the past seven years, consists of eight full-time employees. Each man feels he was called here by the Lord to serve in his own individual way. Many have left better jobs and higher pay, but "it's worth it," as Mr. Witzky commented. "With the job I had before I came here, I could have sent someone in my place, paid him out of my salary, and still made more than I'm making now; but Grace offers us more than money—it's my ministry."

Each man not only has his specific field, as a plumber, carpenter or mechanic, but he is also on full-time duty in case of any type of emergency. Even on "off-days," such as those during a vacation, the department is busy.

An example of this is the Easter vacation project of remodeling the World Missionary Press building for future occupancy by the music department.

In addition to the eight full-time men, forty-four students are employed in night-watch or janitorial positions on a part-time schedule. These students not only clean classroom buildings and dormitories, but also do much of the painting of property owned by the college and Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Painting is a year-round task because Winona Lake is a summer resort area, and the buildings are in frequent use during the Bible conferences.

Much equipment is necessary to keep such a large facility in first-class condition. The maintenance department alone has seventeen vehicles, and services two coachbuses, five station wagons, and two sedans for the college. There is a wide range of equipment and uses for them. The department's four panel trucks, for instance, haul everything from the music department's instruments during the school year, trash during the summer, to night watchmen all year round. On any given day, one might see a caravan of the department's five pickups, three farm tractors, two lawn mowers, a

dump truck, or maybe on special days the bulldozer or crane.

To keep such a fleet of equipment in good running order a garage was built, and a 30 by 60 foot addition made last year. This new addition includes hydraulic equipment to lighten the load of Mr. John Hartman, the school's full-time mechanic. Mr. Hartman is charged with the responsibility of upkeep on all maintenance vehicles, in addition to those of the college and assembly.

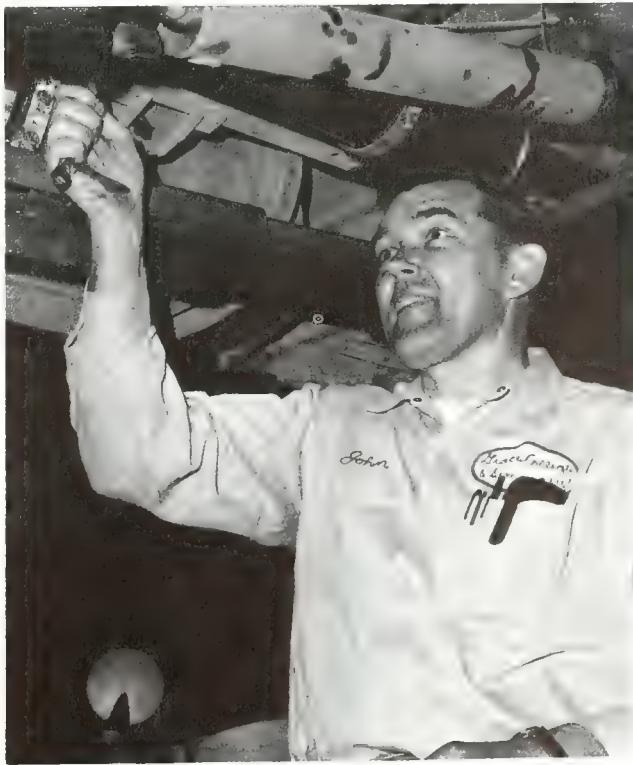
But if this isn't enough to keep them busy, the maintenance department always has the Bennet Farm Project. This farm was purchased by the school and for the past three years approximately fifteen acres of this fifty-seven acre farm have been cultivated for soybeans and soil bank. Next year, however, the remaining land will be cultivated for "homesteaders." A trailer park and campground has recently been approved, and is in the planning stages.

After a brief look at the complex organization of the Grace College Maintenance Department it is much easier to appreciate the never-ending effort put forth by these individuals, who make not only spring, but all year round more pleasant for the students at Grace.

Glenn Stauffer and Dale Martin



John Hartman



Your Estate and Deferred Giving

This is the first in a series of articles presented to provide you with much needed information in the area of deferred giving.

Albert J. Philippi is now associated with the Development Department of Grace Schools as a stewardship counselor on a part-time basis. For the past fifteen years he has been associated with Moody Bible Institute as a regional stewardship representative.

I am sure these articles by Mr. Philippi, will prove most helpful to many of our friends who believe in Christian higher education at Grace Schools.—*Richard G. Messner, Director of Development*

First of all—let us define the term “Deferred Giving.” Usually this term is used to represent your intention to give money or property (real or personal) for future distribution to your favorite college, church, or charity. When such a gift is made, the individual generally retains a financial interest in the transaction during his or her lifetime, and sometimes during the lifetime of a survivor.

A deferred gift may be made either revocable or irrevocable—the donor may retain the privilege of withdrawing any portion or all the principal if the agreement is revocable. Naturally, if it is an irrevocable agreement, the donor receives only the interest on his investment. In either case, revocable or irrevocable, upon the death of the donor or donors, the principal amount invested (corpus) will become the property of your college, church or charity subsequent to the provisions of the original agreement.

There are many types of deferred giving: wills, annuities, life income agreements, bonds, trusts and beneficiaries of life insurance policies. These are just a few suggested methods of giving to your choice Christian ministry. Each method of giving will be presented in a separate article.

We are not attorneys and we are



Mr. Albert J. Philippi

NOT giving legal advice. Wills and other legal documents should be prepared by an attorney.

Our only purpose in writing this series of articles is to challenge each reader to “Set thine house in order” (II Kings 20:1). The Lord has made it possible for us to have these earthly possessions, and “. . . it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (I Cor. 4:2). Let us introduce the forms of deferred giving with the subject of Wills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL

Who should have a will? A good “rule of thumb” is that every adult, twenty-one years of age and older, should have a properly prepared and executed will. It has often been said that, second to your salvation, a properly prepared will is the most important transaction you will ever make in your lifetime.

A large number of people die yearly without a will (intestate), which results in a shrinkage or an entire loss of a lifetime estate that would normally go to loved ones or into the Lord’s work. Very few people plan to die in-

testate; likewise, very few plan to die before they accept the Lord as their personal Saviour. However, when death comes it is forever too late to make provision for the disposition of our earthly possessions, and—too late to prepare for one’s eternal life. Procrastination is the thief that causes both intestacy and a person to go into a Christless grave!

It is not possible for me to conduct a WILL Clinic in every church, nor is it possible for me to sit down with every family in the privacy of their own home to assist with estate matters. Therefore, it is our purpose to visit with you through this column “Your Estate and Deferred Giving,” trying to point out the danger signals of dying intestate, and the advantages of having a properly prepared and executed will. We will continue our visit regarding wills in the next Grace Schools issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. In the meantime, if we can be of assistance to you, please contact us at Grace Schools, Development Department, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590 (Phone 219-267-8191).

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The wise men and Herod, John the Bapt-
ist, was there a voice heard
18 In Rāma, and weeping, and be-
lamentation, Rāma mourning for her son
In Bethlehem, and would not be comforted.
It is written by children, and women, who
A, in the land of cause they are not
cast among the But when Herod saw
out of thee shall in a dream to Joseph
that shall rule my 19 Saying, Arise, and
when he had privily child and his mother
on, inquired of them land of Is'ra-él: for the
me the star appeared. sought the young child
them to Bethlehem, and 20 And he arose, and
search diligently for the child and his mother, in
and when ye have found land of Is'ra-él.
again, that I may 22 But when he heard
they did reign in Judea
father Herod, he
other: notwithstanding
in a dream

Jesus baptized. His temptation. He preacheth
and now also the axe is laid unto
the trees: therefore every
that not forth good fruit
shall be cut into the fire.
The water

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10 And now also the axe is laid unto
the root of the trees: therefore every
tree which bringeth not forth good fruit
shall be cut down, and cast into the fire.
He that heareth these sayings of mine,
and doeth them, I will send him, and he shall
bring forth much fruit to the glory of the
Father: but he that doeth not, he shall be
like unto a fool, which buildeth his house
upon sand: and the rain shall come, and the
flood shall rise, and the winds shall blow
against that house, and it shall fall, and
the ruins thereof shall be great: and he
that doeth these things, he shall be like
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is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
11 I indeed baptize you with water
unto repentance; but he that cometh
after me is mightier than I, whose shoes
I am not worthy to bear: he shall bap-
tize you with the Holy Ghost, and with
fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he
thoroughly purge his floor, and
gather his wheat into the garner; but
he will burn up the chaff with unquench-
ing fire.
12 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee
unto John, to be baptized of him.
But John forbade him, saying, I
need to be baptized of thee, and
thou comest to me?
Jesus said unto him, It is written,
Thou shalt not tempt the Lord
thy God.
8 Again, the devil taketh him up into
an exceeding high mountain, and show-
eth him all the kingdoms of the world,
and the glory of them;
9 And saith unto him, All these things
will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down
and worship me.
10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee
hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou
shalt worship the Lord thy God, and
him only shalt thou serve.
11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, be-
hold, angels came and ministered unto
him.
12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that
John was cast into prison, he departed
into Galilee;
13 And leaving Nazareth, he came a-
dwelt in Cap̄r-nā-ūm, which is u-
lōn and Neph̄-tha-lim:
14 That it might be fulfilled whi-
chen by Ê-sā'ias the prophet
of Zāb'ū-lōn, and
by the way

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written,
again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord
thy God.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee
unto John, to be baptized of
him, saying,
I need thee, a

But John forbade him,
saying unto him,
I am baptizing with water,
but he that shall baptize
you, shall be greater than I,
because he shall baptize
you with the Holy Spirit,
and with water.

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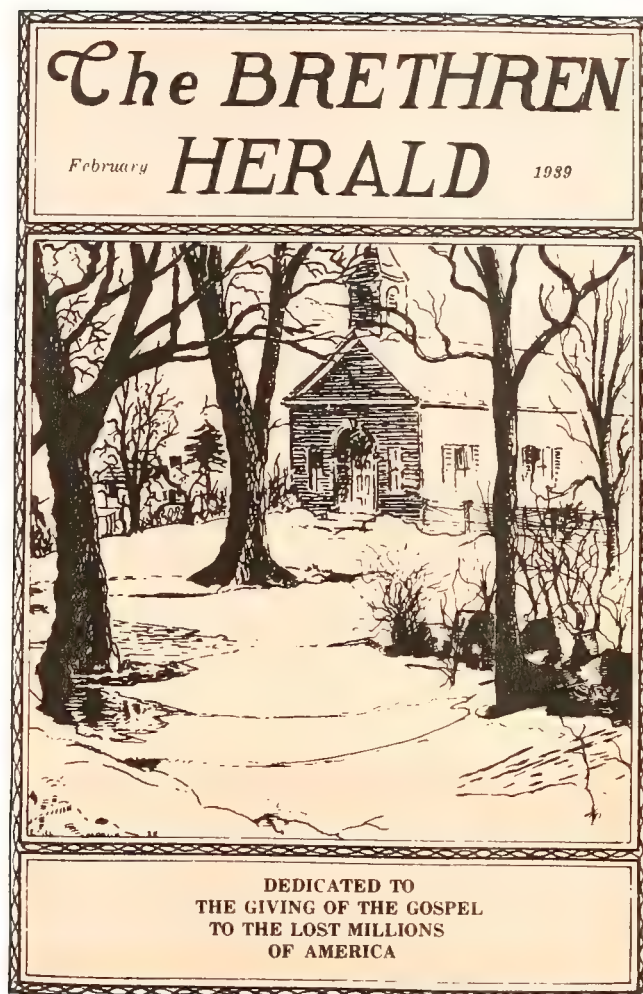
God has blessed these 31 years!

Brethren Missionary Herald 1940 - 1971

In the first issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* Dr. Alva J. McClain wrote in an editorial: "In planning and launching this new magazine, which makes its bow in the year 1940, its sponsors made no mistake in their selection of an appropriate name. They began with the name, 'The Brethren Herald,' very happily chosen as the caption of the Home Council magazine, and simply added the word 'Missionary,' placing it squarely in the center of the original name, a prophecy we trust, of the central place that missions shall hold in its pages. Thus the entire name contains three important words, each one indicating a specific task, and which taken together suggest the three-fold policy and program of the magazine" (January 6, 1940—Page 2). Thirty-one years later the policy and the program remain the same—Brethren, Missionary, Herald.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. was incorporated in the early months of 1940 to carry on the ministry of the printed page in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Through the years that followed, many new areas have been entered, but the goals have remained basically the same. Dr. Charles W. Mayes, then pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, became the first editor and Rev. Leo Polman had much to do with the production of the magazine, in connection with his pastorate in the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1941 a large, gray stone residence was purchased in Winona Lake and was transformed into a publishing house.

The Herald remained in this residence at Fourth and Chestnut Streets until the dedication of the present facilities on King's Highway. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum became Executive Editor in 1953 and foresaw the need to build to meet the needs of future ministry. In December 1954 land was purchased and building began. At the 67th annual conference of the NFBC, on the beautiful Sunday afternoon of August 26, 1956, the new building was dedicated.



The first cover of *The Brethren Herald*, forerunner of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. It was first published in February, 1939, by the Brethren Home Missions Council. The late Dr. R. Paul Miller was editor.

The new building was to serve as the sales area for the bookstore as well as the administrative offices for the Herald Company. The total cost of the building with real estate and fixtures was \$139,000. It was also to be the headquarters for Brethren Home Missions, Brethren Foreign Missions and the Christian Education Department.

Through the years, the Brethren Missionary Herald Company was to enter into many different phases of the work of the printed page. The company is probably best known for the magazine with a circulation of over 10,000. The College Bookstore is the face of the Herald Co. to the hundreds of Grace Schools students. To thousands of people in the Sunday schools of the National Fellowship we are the printers and publishers of the Adult Bible School Quarterlies that they study week by week. Also we are BMH Books and BMH Recordings to a number of other people throughout the United States. Gospel tracts and pamphlets on Brethren beliefs bear the name of BMH. The names of Brethren authors appear more frequently on all forms of printed material through the outreach of the Brethren

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1940-1971 . . . (Continued)

Missionary Herald Co. In 1969 a printing division was added to the work and Bruce Brickel was called to head up this work. Much of the literature and information that comes from our Fellowship and its missionary and educational agencies comes through BMH Printing.

Times change and the work of the Lord moves forward. As we have spent time going through the first issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* it makes us aware of the difference that thirty-one years can make. It also brings a note of thanksgiving for the blessing of the Lord upon the work of the printed page. A look at the change in finances brings this into sharp focus. The 1940 annual reports shows an income statement of \$12,182.88. This would be just about one week's income in the year 1971. With the increase of divisions and income there is also the increase of responsibility. There is the need to constantly remind ourselves that we are Brethren, that we desire to be Missionary, and that we intend to Herald the Gospel of

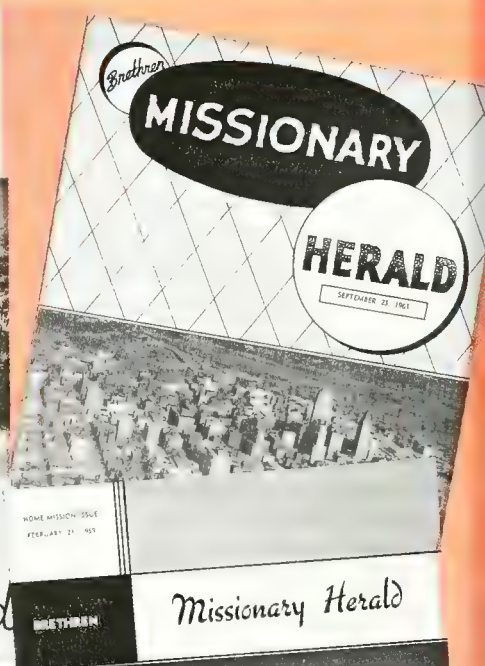
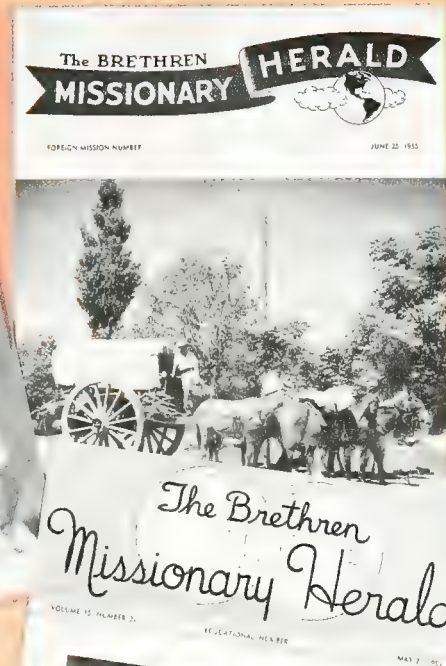
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Christ to people.

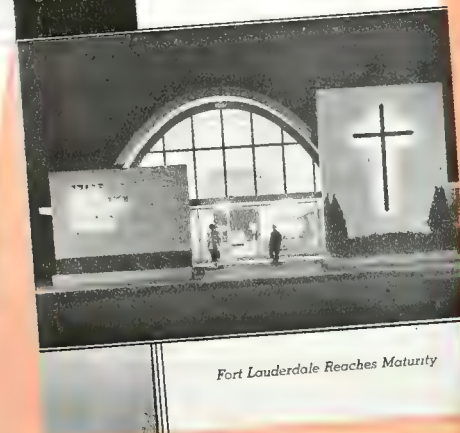
Share with us in this special issue the work of the printed page as we tell you about your work in the Brethren Church that you have entrusted us to do. Save this *Herald* as a reminder to pray for us and as a reminder that we want to serve you and bring the work of the Brethren Church and the Lord to its full potential.—CWT



The first home of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., in Winona Lake, Indiana, was this large stone residence located at 100 Fourth Street.



Covers of the Herald magazine from the 1940's, 50's and 60's, indicate the progress made in an effort to produce good quality.





Departmental editors meet to discuss the *Herald*. They are (l to r) Dr. Harold Etling, Christian Education Dept.; Rev. John Zielasko, Brethren Foreign Missions; Rev. Charles Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald; Mrs. Kenneth Rucker, WMC; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Grace Schools; Rev. Lester Pifer, Brethren Home Missions. Not able to be present were Pam Walters, SMM; and Phil Landrum, National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men.

The Herald magazine . . . our primary responsibility

HOW DOES OUR DENOMINATIONAL MAGAZINE FUNCTION?

You've probably already read the opening article on the preceding pages about the history of our *Missionary Herald* magazine. But, how does our magazine function today?

Although the primary responsibility for the magazine rests with the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., all of the organizations and boards of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches cooperate in submitting material for publication. The first issue of each month features Brethren Foreign Missions, our Women's Missionary Council, the SMM girls, and periodically the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men and the Christian Education Department. The second issue each month spotlights Brethren Home Missions and Grace Schools. The front covers of the magazine are shared on a rotating basis. The news pages, editorials, various informational articles, and devotional features are interspersed with the material from our national organizations, who share in the expenses of the publication.

This type of plan for a denominational magazine is unique, and has demonstrated through the passing years, the close-knit working relationship of our NFBC organizations. And,

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even though our individual churches have a congregational type of government, God has richly blessed the unity which has been demonstrated as churches and national organizations have worked together to present the claims of Christ to a dying world.

Progress in updating and keeping the magazine abreast of changing editorial and production methods has been significant. One only has to look back through the issues of the past thirty-one years to see the great strides which have been made. One factor in the progress of the *Herald* magazine is our membership in the Evangelical Press Association. This association comprised of over one hundred religious periodicals (denominational, independent, missionary, and so forth) holds an annual convention in the interest of stimulating the members to reach new highs in Christian journalism.

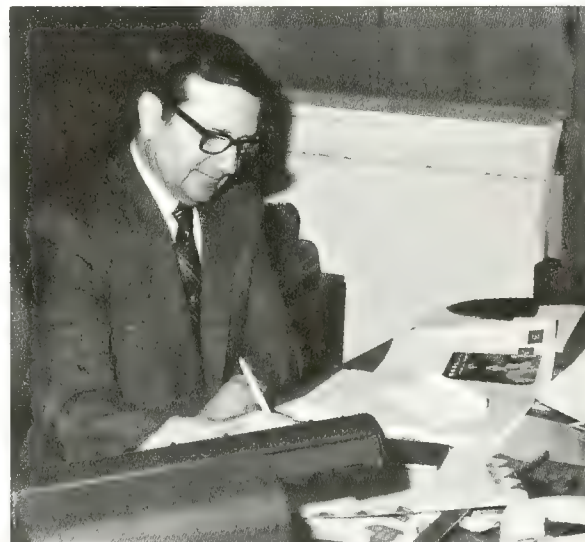
It was the privilege of seven persons to attend the most recent EPA convention, held May 10-12 in Chicago. Four persons from the *Missionary Herald*, and one each from Grace Schools, Brethren Foreign Missions and Brethren Home Missions spent three days in concentrated workshops and meetings. It was a profitable time, and outstanding speakers and leaders in all fields of religious and secular journalism were featured.

We trust this little insight into the magazine's function has been informative and helpful. In succeeding pages, you'll see how we produce it, how subscriptions are handled, and also read about the other departments of the Missionary Herald Co.

Mrs. Virginia Hinkel serves as the secretary to the executive editor and general manager, caring for the correspondence of the various departments within the company. She also assists in production of material for the Herald, Sunday-school quarterlies, and BMH Printing work.



Mr. Wayne Guthrie is the chief accountant for the company, and is responsible for the supervision of the financial office and the transactions of all departments of the BMH.



Mrs. Jo Disbro serves as assistant to the chief accountant. She is shown here preparing a bank deposit on the NCR bookkeeping machine.

The work of the three persons pictured on this page interlocks with all of the various BMH departments you'll be reading about on the pages to follow.





Herald mailing day comes every two weeks, and usually several persons from various departments join together to get your copy in the mail and on the way to you.

Subscriptions – the Lifeblood of Your Herald Magazine!

“It’s time to renew your *Missionary Herald* subscription!” You’ve probably heard these words from your pastor or church-subscription secretary sometime during the past year.

Once a year, your church receives a list of all *Herald* subscribers. It’s then the task of your pastor or subscription secretary to add or delete names from the list and forward the information on to Mrs. A. Rollin Sandy, who cares for them at the BMH.

A large percentage of *Herald* subscriptions come in through this church “group plan,” and reduced prices are offered on subscriptions we receive in this manner.

Many churches automatically send the *Herald* into the homes of all members, and ask that those receiving it reimburse the church. It is also sent to prospective members by some churches. Complimentary copies of the *Herald* are sent to hospitals or libraries in those towns where churches are “100%” in their subscriptions. By “100%” we mean the membership of the church divided by three, to arrive at a “total family” number.

You may be interested to know that some of our foreign missionaries receive their copy of the *Herald* perhaps before you do! Air mail copies of each issue are sent to

selected central points on all nine Brethren mission fields, and the copies are passed around. This enables the missionaries to get the latest NFBC news, while it’s still fresh. Reports of copies reaching Africa five or six days after they are placed in the mail by BMH are not unusual.

The most recent *Missionary Herald* magazine, dated May 15, was mailed to 10,193 subscribers. Income from subscriptions in 1970 supplied 74% of the total revenue received, with our national boards of our church supplying the remaining 26%. Even with more than \$71,000 in revenue during 1970, it cost \$81,000 to produce the *Herald*. Your gifts to the publication offering helped to offset this loss of almost \$10,000 in the past year.

It seems that we share the “income-and-cost gap” with many denominational magazines as well as secular publications. Many famous names in the publications field have stopped their presses. Ever-increasing costs are spiraling, and it just isn’t possible to keep raising subscription prices to offset mounting costs.

Your patronage and gifts help keep this magazine coming your way. Thank you, Brethren, for your prayers and support these past thirty-one years.

The Mechanics of Producing Your Herald Magazine

Every two weeks a new issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* reaches your mailbox. Each issue that comes to you is the result of five weeks of preparation by the editorial staff, typesetters, and printers. The magazine you are now reading started through the process over a month ago.

This time span is necessary because of the many steps a magazine must go through before it becomes a finished product. Here is a step-by-step look at the various phases this magazine goes through before it reaches your home.

As you have already read, the various boards are responsible for providing copy. This material is then submitted to the editorial staff five weeks before the issue date.

The first process is to size the copy, determining the length of an article in its final column style. (This involves fitting the copy to the available space.) With this information, the copy can be combined with pictures and headlines to form the preliminary page layouts. This operation is handled by Ken Herman, managing editor, and Tim Rager, his assistant.

The copy can then be sent on its way to be set in type. The first step is proofreading in the office of Mrs. Conard Sandy, editorial secretary. She reads the copy for any errors, and edits the copy to conform to the



Mr. Kenneth Herman, left, BMH managing editor, and Mr. Tim Rager, his assistant, discuss a layout problem on one of the pages.



Mrs. Fern Sandy, editorial secretary, reads all the material to make sure it is "editorially correct" before typesetting is done.



Mrs. Omega Sandy (sister-in-law of Mrs. Fern Sandy) is shown at the IBM Magnetic Tape Selectric Composer, which sets all the type for the Herald magazine, Sunday-school quarterlies and BMH Printing dept. work. She is the employee with the longest term of service at the BMH (14 years) and is also responsible for the BMH magazine subscription list.



At the BMH Printing dept., (left) the magazine is prepared for the camera. Mr. Bruce Brickel puts the finishing touches on a page. Below, left, you see the huge two-color press at the Free Methodist publishing house on which your magazine is printed. Below is the BMH addressing machine which imprints your name and address on the back cover.

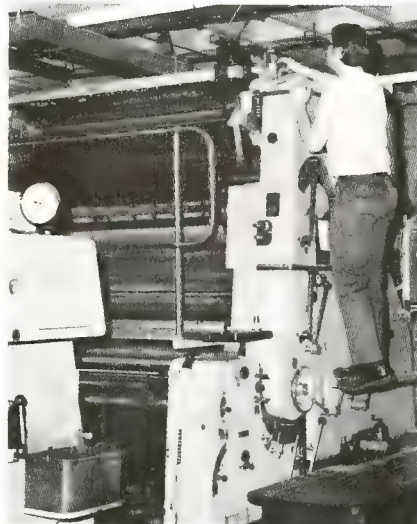
policies of the *Herald* stylebook.

After the corrections are made, the copy is passed to Mrs. A. Rollin Sandy, selectric composer operator. All the copy for the *Herald* is set on the IBM Selectric Composer with a computer unit. The copy is typed once onto a tape. The play-back computer is then programmed for type style and size and the tape is run through this unit. With a clatter, the keys fly much faster than a human operator could do, and out comes finished copy, with the columns all "justified."

Again this copy is proofread for typographical errors. With the corrections made, the copy is fitted on pages in final form according to the directions on the preliminary layouts. Photocopies of all these pages are made and proofs of the pictures are pasted on. These pages, called "dummies," should look exactly like the finished page, to serve as a guide for the printer.


Next, the pages go to the BMH printing department where they are prepared for the camera. The *Herald* magazine is printed by the offset process, which requires a photograph and a negative of all materials.

Because BMH Printing does not yet have sufficient space and an automatic collator-stitcher to handle a job as large as the *Herald*, it is printed by the Free Methodist Publishing House in Winona Lake. They have been printing the *Herald* for more than twenty-five



years. Here the plates for the offset presses are made from the negatives, and the magazine is printed, stapled and trimmed.

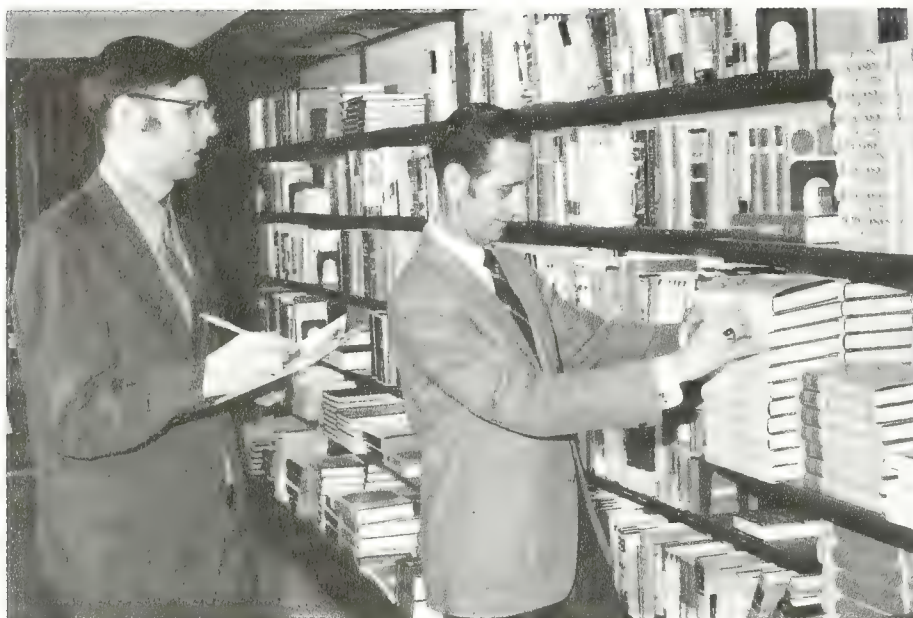
After being loaded into two large skids, the *Herald* magazines are delivered to the BMH mailing department. Over 10,000 are run through the addressing machine. Mrs. Frances Ashman, Mrs. Della Nagel and others work in preparing and sacking each issue for mailing. To reach all parts of the country on time, the *Herald* magazines are normally mailed nine days prior to the date on the cover.

These various phases of magazine production are repeated month after month as the *Brethren Missionary Herald* seeks to keep you informed about the outreach of our church. 



The last operation! Dale Forrest, a Grace Seminary student and part-time BMH employee, throws the mail bags containing *Herald* magazines into the truck for delivery to the post office.





Rev. Charles Koontz (left), College Bookstore manager, and his assistant, Rev. Ralph Burns, check over their inventory in one of the book areas.

The College Bookstore – Serving

The primary source of knowledge for the average person is probably books. Pastors, teachers, laymen, students, children . . . everyone reads books. That's why the ministry of the College Bookstore is so important.

In this day of increasing emphasis on mass communication, thousands of books are being published on every subject. It is vital that Christianity keep up with the pace. The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. operates the College Bookstore to help you keep up with the latest in Bibles, textbooks, commentaries, devotional books and Christian-education materials.

As the name indicates, the College Bookstore is the official supplier of textbooks and materials for Grace Schools. At the beginning of each semester, hundreds of students from the college and seminary converge on the bookstore to buy their textbooks, paper, notebooks, pens and any other supplies they will need throughout the school year.

A great deal of mail-order business is also handled daily. Out-of-town individuals and churches of the NFBC are loyal to the College Bookstore as a source for their literature supplies. Sales by mail order and through the store furnish a large share of the income for the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Last year

Miss Carlene Weirick, bookstore assistant, completes a transaction with a customer at the checkout register.



these sales totaled \$159,000.

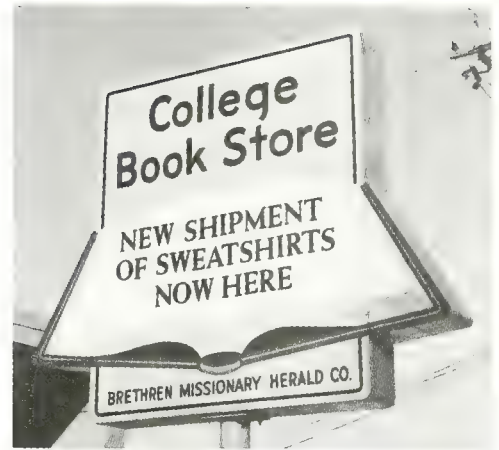
Charles Koontz is the bookstore manager. He oversees the total operation of the store—working with professors, setting up workshops, and dealing with salesmen.

Assisting in the bookstore management is Ralph Burns. Some of his time is used in visiting area churches of all denominations, explaining the ministry of the College Bookstore as a dealer of evangelical materials for use in Sunday schools and churches.

Carlene Weirick is the bookstore assistant, and is responsible for filling all mail orders, handling most of the secretarial duties and serving as clerk.

The College Bookstore is an important avenue in fulfilling the purpose of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. in spreading the Gospel through the printed page. It is in business to serve you and help meet your needs in the area of literature and supplies.

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The sign in front of the bookstore announces special features on sale in the bookstore, and is also used for promoting community and Grace Schools events.

Grace Schools and Your Church

Interior view of the College Bookstore.



BMH Produces and Supplies Sunday-school Materials for Your Church

For a number of years, the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., has produced the Bible-O-Rama series of studies for use in adult Sunday-school classes. In a period of ten years, the course surveys the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice.

Teacher's material for the course is written by various Brethren pastors, missionaries, and professors at Grace Schools. For over twenty years, the student's material has been written by Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana, and secretary of the board of trustees of the Herald Co.

The production of these adult courses enables our distinctive Brethren beliefs and practices to be incorporated in the Bible studies. This would not be possible if interdenominational materials were used. Some of our Brethren pastors, missionaries, and laymen use the quarterlies as reference commentaries, and the Herald Co. keeps a large stock of back issues for this purpose and also for Sunday-school classes which may wish to study a particular book of the Bible as an elective course.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. works very closely with the Christian Education Department in matters related to Sunday-school material. Joint committees from both organizations meet periodically throughout the year

to plan and make recommendations. These joint committees make decisions as to the books of the Bible to be studied as well as the authors who will write the materials.

But what about Sunday-school materials for nursery up to the adult level? Why doesn't the Herald Co. do something in this area? This is a question frequently asked.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is a relatively small denomination. The 1969 statistical report showed a total Sunday-school enrollment of 41,382. It would just not be economically possible to produce a complete Sunday-school curriculum for this size enrollment. Prices for the material would be fantastically high. Consequently, evangelical inter-

denominational materials are used for the nursery through high school departments.

Currently among our Brethren churches purchasing their materials through the Herald Co., about 60% use Gospel Light curriculum and 40% follow the Scripture Press material. In some departments of our churches, a small amount of Union Gospel Press, David C. Cook, and Standard Publishing materials are used.

Approximately 89% of our Brethren churches order their Sunday-school supplies through the Herald Co. Materials are shipped from any publisher the church requests, at no extra cost. The church pays the identical price it would pay if orders were placed direct to the publisher . . . and the Herald Co. receives a small commission from the sale.

Prompt, efficient service is offered to all our Brethren churches. Phone calls to publishers, UPS and special delivery shipments, and other methods are used to insure your getting materials on time. If we're not serving your church . . . give us a trial!



Mrs. Joyce Durkee cares for the BMH Sunday-school curriculum orders, serving local churches and processing orders from Brethren churches across the nation.



BMH Books BMH Recordings

OUR WHOLESALE DIVISIONS

Who should take the responsibility of promoting Brethren authors and musicians? We feel this is the responsibility of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., and for this reason our wholesale divisions, BMH Books and BMH Recordings, were formed. These two divisions of the Herald Co., are relatively new and not too well known by the people of our Fellowship.

Both programs require a large outlay of funds that does not come back into the company for extended periods of time. Publishing one book or LP record will

cost thousands of dollars and will provide a supply of that particular item for five to seven years. Being the organization within the framework of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches that most logically should handle these tasks, we have undertaken this investment as part of our ministry.

In the area of BMH Books, we work cooperatively on some titles with two major evangelical publishing houses—Moody Press and Baker Book House. This method of co-publishing helps to reduce costs substantially. The press run of each book is divided with our portion of books bearing the BMH label and the remaining copies—the name of the cooperating publisher. This cooperation with the national marketing programs of these major publishers is a great asset to BMH Books.

In the last few years, BMH Books has produced items by Dr. L. L. Grubb, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dr. Bernard Schneider, Rev. Tom Julien, Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr.,

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Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, autographs copies of his *Revelation* book, published by BMH Books.



Mr. Bruce Brickel (right) BMH Printing dept. manager, checks over a press sheet with Mr. Dick Rosbrugh, pressman. Press in the foreground is Heidelberg offset type, purchased in 1969.

B M H PRINTING

Our Newest Department

Mr. Ray Maurer, assistant manager of BMH Printing, adjusts a piece of copy in the camera.



Beginning with two employees in 1969, BMH Printing became the newest phase of operation for the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. One small offset press was set up in leased quarters, and the printing division was underway.

Bruce Brickel felt called of the Lord to sell "BrucePrint," a successful print shop in Ohio, and come to Winona Lake to establish the printing department.

Soon after his arrival, Bruce was able to set up shop. Richard Rosbrugh, a former employee of R. R. Donnelley Printing Co., was trained as the pressman, and the two men went to work immediately producing literature.

A large percentage of your Publications Offering for 1969-70 went toward financing the \$35,000 worth of equipment purchased to furnish the printing division more completely. Two new presses, a folder, stitcher, trimmer, camera, and other items were

purchased to make this operation more functional.

The print shop operation grew rapidly, and in 1970 over 1,500,000 pieces of literature were printed. You have undoubtedly read many pieces of Brethren literature bearing the BMH Printing imprint. Included in this list are: the Brethren Home Missions—*Communicator*, *Forgotten Navajo* and prayer booklet; Brethren Foreign Missions—*Echoes* and *Fields in Focus*; Grace Schools—*Sounding Board*, *Alumnews* and *Grace Journal*; and the Christian Education Department publications—*Accent* and *Succeed*. The Brethren adult student and teacher quarterlies are also products of the printing division. The newest undertaking is the reprinting of *250 Years, Conquering Frontiers*, a history of the Brethren Church by Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.

You can readily see that our two-year-old child has learned to walk, and then run, in a very brief time. The sales volume in one year has moved to \$80,000.

The purpose of establishing a printing division is to print, at lower prices, regular publications, brochures, local church letterheads, bulletins, prayer cards, forms and other printed needs of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., and the national boards of the NFBC. In one instance, BMH Printing was able to save a national board \$50 per month on one publication alone.

The most recent addition to the regular list of printing jobs is *MAN to MAN*, monthly publication of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men. The complete design, layout, typesetting and printing is handled by

Mr. Aldo Hoyt, Grace College student and part-time employee of the BMH Printing dept., is shown at the paper cutter. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, missionaries to Argentina.



BMH Printing.

One of the greatest assets of BMH Printing is an increase in Brethren literature produced by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. By keeping the printing within the company, production costs and selling prices are kept as low as possible.

As the volume of business expanded, more employees were added to the print shop staff. Ray Maurer came as assistant manager, working

mainly with the camera and in the darkroom. Part-time employees include Mrs. Bonnie Storey and Aldo Hoyt, who mainly care for the folding, stitching and trimming of printed jobs.

The future holds many areas for expansion of the BMH Printing ministry. With your financial help, the volume of top-quality Brethren literature can be increased. In turn, this literature can be used profitably by you and your church.



Shown setting type for some of the headlines used in the printing dept. is Mrs. Bonnie Storey, a part-time employee and Grace Seminary student's wife.

BMH Spreads Gospel with Free Literature Program

"We're having a special visitation emphasis. Please send us 1,000 copies of the Dean Risser tract, *Have You Heard About God's Gift?*"—"Our church is starting a branch Sunday school. We'd like to take advantage of your offer of a free quarter of Sunday-school material for our new work."—"The missionaries here on the field would appreciate having the Brethren adult materials and also some quarterlies and take-home papers for the children."

These are typical requests we are happy to care for as a part of the Missionary Herald's free literature program. For several years, the BMH has also supplied VBS and camp supplies to the Brethren Navajo Mission for their summer program. In fact, in 1970, almost \$13,000 worth of material was shipped from the Herald to established Brethren churches, home mission points, and missionaries around the world.

The latest project of the BMH free literature program is the production of the Dean Risser tract, *Have You Heard About God's Gift?* in Spanish. It is being offered free to our churches in Spanish-speaking areas, and to Grace College Gospel teams who contact Mexican migrant workers.

The free literature program is made possible by your gifts to the Missionary Herald. Without them, it would be impossible to maintain a program of this size. You also have the joy of knowing that your dollars are being prayerfully used in spreading the Gospel by the printed page.

Your prayers for this area of the BMH ministry will be appreciated.

BMH BOOKS, BMH RECORDINGS

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Dr. John Davis, Dr. Alva J. McClain, and Mrs. Althea Miller.

BMH Recordings to date has pressed two LP records by Jerry Franks, artist in residence and director of instrumental music and bands at Grace College. These records have been extremely popular. Featured with Mr. Franks has been the Grace College Community Concert Band and the Brass Choir. Plans are being made for further production in the near future.

BMH Books and Records are sold wholesale to other bookstores, colleges and seminaries across the country. Brethren talent and the professors of the Grace Schools are thus becoming more prominent in evangelical circles.

In this area of the ministry of the Herald Co., as well as the others described in this issue, your gifts to publications through the annual offering help to make these investments possible. Last year alone more than \$11,000 was invested in new publications. It will be many years until sales return this amount to BMH. We have sought to respond to the need of what we believe to be some of the finest material available, the need of Brethren men publishing their knowledge in book form. Thanks for being a coworker with BMH Books and BMH Recordings.



Some examples of the free literature distributed by the BMH.

We Are a Landlord, Too...

Since moving into the building on King's Highway in 1956, one of the various functions of the Herald Co. has been to provide rental space for the executive offices of Brethren Foreign Missions and Brethren Home Missions. In the 1960's we were joined by the Christian Education Department of the Brethren Church. Through the years this has been a very pleasant arrangement, and has served as a source of income for the Herald Co. as well as adequate facilities for these missions.

Now, with the passing of time and continued growth in our Fellowship, we will be losing some of our tenants in 1972. The Herald building has been taxed to the limits with offices closely spaced throughout the facilities. The Home Missions Council has seen the need of bringing their various agencies, now located elsewhere, under one

roof. Therefore, ground was broken this spring for a new Missions Building that will house Home Missions as well as Foreign Missions. We congratulate them on their forward step of vision and their preparation for the needs of the future. We will regret to say good-bye to them as tenants, but will welcome them as new neighbors on King's Highway in Winona Lake.

It appears though that our role as landlord is not yet over. Requests for space in the building are being made long before there are any vacancies. We must look forward as well to the growing needs of the Herald Co. with its various operations. Once there was too much space for our personal needs as a publishing firm, but that day has passed and the future must be considered.

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Front view of the Missionary Herald building.



BMH Operates a Mailing and Addressograph Service

With the regular publications of our national boards going into thousands of Brethren homes, it is obvious that an efficient addressing system is required. Here again, the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. is of service.

In the past, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and the Herald Co., each had separate mailing lists totaling approximately 40,000 plates. This required personnel to maintain three mailing lists. Several years ago, the Herald Co. took steps to alleviate this situation. With the purchase of an Elliott 7000 addressing machine, the three lists could be combined into one master list of 20,000 to 25,000 plates, maintained by the BMH mailing department staff.

The consolidation was a long-range project, and is still in the process of being completed. After this master list is completed, mailing lists of other national boards and NFBC auxiliary organizations will be analyzed for the practicality of inclusion in the system.

Here is an example of how this consolidation saves time and expense. Under the old system, when a person who received mail from all three boards changed his address, three

changes in mailing lists and addressing systems were necessary. Now, one change cares for it.

With the Elliott system, your address is typed on a small stencil card and coded for all of the publications you receive. When an item is addressed, your stencil card is "read" by the machine. If the proper code is there, your address is printed on the publication. If it is not there, your stencil card passes on through the machine.

The list of publications addressed by this system includes: *Echoes*, *The Forgotten Navajo*, *Communicator*, *Brethren Missionary Herald*, *Minute Man* letters and various other publications from the national boards.

This is another area in which the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. is of service to our national boards. The service is also passed on to you in speedy, efficient mailing of Brethren publications.



Above: The Elliott 7000 addressing machine, which addresses almost all of the publications you receive from the NFBC boards. At right: Mrs. Frances Ashman (left) and Mrs. Della Nagel checking names to be included in the mail file. Both ladies are employed full time in the mailing dept. at BMH.





Reflections By Still Waters

Thoughts on the Word and Words

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The utter simplicity of John 1:1 is very disarming. It presents, possibly, the greatest truth ever revealed and does it in the simple garb of understanding language. The fact that Christ is God and eternally dwelt with the Father cannot be said in a clearer way. Yet, we should exercise care not to overlook the truth because of the manner in which it is stated.

I remember the first time I asked myself why Jesus Christ should be called "the Word" by John. When I think of a word, it speaks to me of a method of communication. We all use words to express the things we think and feel. In asking myself if Christ is the Word in this sense, a very precious thought came to me. Certainly when the Word became flesh and appeared among men God had used the ultimate

revelation to communicate to mankind. What clearer way could He use to tell us about himself? Paul in the Book of Colossians said, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." He indeed was the Word talking to all of us.

There is another sense in which the word is important in God's work. This is the Word of God which tells the entire account of God's dealing with man. It is the full revelation of His person and His plan. God uses the Scriptures as guidelines for man's conduct as well as revealing His redemptive grace. This is often called the "written Word."

Closely aligned to the written Word is the spoken word. The writer of the Book of Hebrews uses an intriguing phrase "the word of his power." The Book of Genesis says that the days of creation began by God saying, "Let



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Editor

there be" He spoke and it happened.

So we see three areas of God's use of words. Spoken ones to accomplish His will; written ones to convey His truth; a living one to reveal His Son. So God is interested in the use of words. But, so is the human race. The educator who attempts to pass on

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knowledge; the politician who sets forth his beliefs on curing the ills of society; the young man who speaks to his beloved; the little child speaking those first words. These people are interested in the use of words to express their desires.

We at the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. are interested in words also. They are our means of conveying the truth of God to the Brethren Churches and the world. We are sharing with you in this special issue our *modus operandi*. The word is printed in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine, the books we sell through the mail and the bookstore, BMH books that we are publishing which are written by Brethren authors, the Sunday-school literature that we help to prepare, and the print shop that prints literally millions of impressions a year. We feel this is an important ministry that is to be performed for the Lord, and for the agencies in the

Fellowship that we seek to serve.

We trust that you will know us better after this issue and that with us you will pray for the printed page and its ministry. We would also like to have an interest in your giving. Many of the tasks that we seek to do involve great outlays of money and will never be profitable from the viewpoint of financial gain. These are not, and have never intended to be, money-making operations. They fall into the category of service to the Brethren Fellowship. We are urging a goal of \$10 from each family in our group of churches to help us meet the needs of publications. This is a small gift for such a large hope of return in spiritual blessings. It is also a long-range goal in that as our needs increase we feel that the Fellowship will grow as well. With the other profitable parts of our company, and your gifts and prayers, we pledge you that the printed word will be faithful to the living Word and the written Word.

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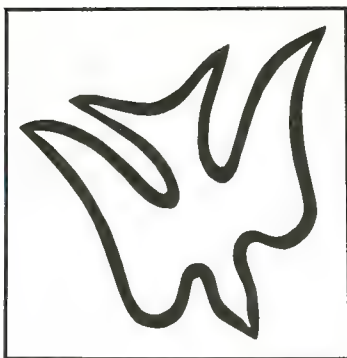
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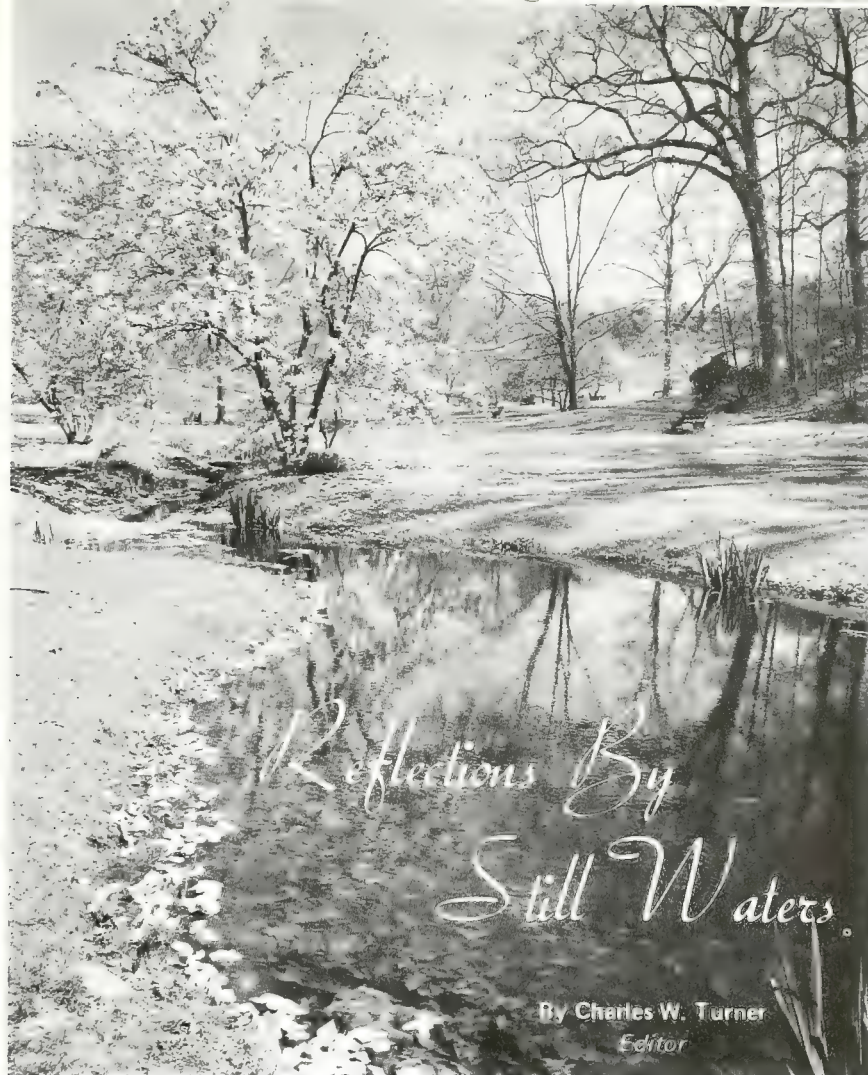
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Reflections By Still Waters

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Thoughts on Making Reservations

With the coming of the warm summer months, Americans will take to the road in record numbers. They will be traveling by car, plane and other varied types of travel. They will take with them numerous items to make their trip have a touch of home-away-from-home. I saw a family during the last vacation season that had prepared for just about any possible need. On the front of their pickup they had a motorcycle attached, their pickup was a combination vehicle and home, and behind it they pulled a beautiful boat. As I traveled the next few miles, I was left with the problem of how they might be able to attach a small airplane to prepare them for total travel by land, sea and air. I was left with the thought—well, you can't have everything!

With all the planned preparation for travel, there have been literally millions of reservations made. Hotels, motels, airlines and campsites have been booked in advance and the happy

traveler is off with a full sense of security that all is well and that there are many smiling faces waiting him at the next stop. They will be expecting him, and as proof of the fact, he has all of the reservations neatly tucked into his special envelope and it is clearly marked, "Advance Reservations." This gives one a special sense of security and a smug feeling that he has planned well and that his trip will have a minimum of delays and disappointments.

Several weeks ago I fell in the special category of those who planned well. It was a business trip to the nation's capital at Washington, D.C., and all of the airline reservations and hotel reservations were made several months in advance. All went well until I walked into the lobby of the hotel where several hundred other people who had made reservations were waiting. No rooms available—the hotel had overbooked and my reservations were of no value—they were simply a piece of paper. And the failure of the hotel management to honor its word left me

with no place to go. This breakdown in the reservations was the result of the word of the person who had made them and was unable to fulfill the pledge.

Peter spoke of "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:4). Jesus reminded His followers of "a place for you" that He would go to prepare. There is in my Christian hope a large area of anticipation of that mansion that is reserved for me and for all those who love and trust Christ. The mental picture that I have of this heavenly abiding place may not fit the actual circumstances of the future, but I am certain that I will not be disappointed. One of the high spots of this anticipation is that God's Word speaks of it being *reserved*. Man may fail in keeping promises, either purposefully or unintentionally, but God always keeps His word. This fact lends itself to giving a sense of security as I know that everything is taken care of though I may not know how. Reservations in the human realm may contain that false sense of security, but with God this problem is removed.

During the pastoral days that I experienced, there were many occasions to see the practical aspects of these thoughts. Many drawing to the final days of their earthly pilgrimage and fully aware that their days were limited would begin to draw on the knowledge that the trip before them had been well planned. Their reservations had been made. The one who had made the promises to them could be fully depended upon. They were secure in the thoughts that someone had already journeyed through the experience called death. His name was Jesus Christ and He had died and arose from the dead. He had gone on ahead and now they could follow.

In the weeks just past there must be millions of names inserted in the reservation books of commercial enterprises. The wise have made their reservations, and a sense of security is their lot. I admire their forethought and planning, but the underlying feeling of uneasiness is that so many have made preparation for a short journey. Yet, they have not prepared nor made reservations for their eternal future by making reservations with God through Jesus Christ.

Could you be falling for Satan's counterfeit plan in determining what is right and wrong for you as a Christian?

Situational ethics is the order of the day for the world, but should this apply in any way to the Christian? Since Christianity is caught up in the vortex of the morals and ethics of the world today, it is imperative that serious consideration be given by the Christian in relation to the Word of God in his life, and his place in the world.

For many years the standards of the world have been quite different from the standards that Christians have set for themselves as they have interpreted the Scriptures. But in recent years there has come a merging of standards, so that in some ways the Christian public has taken on the standards formerly allowed only by the worldly elements. The result has been that young people of today have been unable to understand the swirl of conflicting issues that constantly revolve about them. They have a hard time correlating what they want to do, with the negative approach to their ways as voiced by their elders. They see a hypocritical picture presented to them in the actions of these same elders. The common cult of the "generation gap" is further enhanced by this paradox. For the Christian world this brings added strain to a deteriorating situation that seemingly has lost its "saltiness" of preservation in a sin-sick world.

Down through the centuries, Satan has come up with constantly changing deceptive plans to counterbalance and nullify the testimony of God through His children. In every age God has raised up a standard and a means whereby His Word has gone out into the world. Since World War II the Christians have stepped up their program of evangelizing the world in many ways. They have not been slack in utilizing modern methods to carry the Gospel to all people. The church at home has expanded numerically, financially, and in building. An educated and spiritually alert mass of Christians has literally carried out the great commission. Yet in all this Satan has infiltrated through the world into the realm of Christianity with a deceptiveness that is undermining the stronghold of God. Therefore, unless Christianity becomes alert and takes effective countermeasures, the gains made for Christ may be lost.

With the coming affluence of society in recent years and the parallel philosophies of pragmatism and existentialism, which has produced a morass of helplessness in society as to its future, it has become commonplace for everyone to "do his own thing." This is a popular idea, which has in its

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By Prof. John Stoll

underlying philosophy of Satanic origin, that which says to modern man, "be individualistic, live for today, there is nothing to live for in the future." Though Christians would categorically deny this philosophy, it has in practicality become a living reality in the lives of many who are children of God.

Along with this worldly philosophy of doing your own thing, has also come that idea which is known as "situational ethics." This device is to further enhance the person of the world to make his own judgments in any given situation, without regard to any standard superimposed upon him by society or the Bible. This gives each individual "absolute freedom" to live as he pleases. The justification or rationalization for this is softened somewhat, so it won't become too offensive, by stating that as long as whatever the person does is meaningful to him and not offending someone else, it is perfectly justifiable. This allows each individual to do that which is right in his own eyes and thus will ultimately result in anarchy.

Situational ethics is Satan's deceptive counterpart for today. He is an effective counterfeiter of God's ways. The Bible has taught, as it were, situational ethics since the inception of the church. The difference being, and it is a great one, though Satan would slightly twist it to suit his own purposes, that the Bible speaks of it as spiritual discernment. Satan's situational ethics is subjective and puts the burden of decision upon the individual himself, which caters to the flesh or ego. God's spiritual discernment is objective, though subjectively applied, and it puts the burden of the individual's decision upon the Holy Spirit, who indwells the Christian and who applies the Word of God to the child of God. Thus, what God has used in the maturation of His children down through the centuries to help them "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18), Satan has twisted and applied to the world of today. He has also, at the same time, caught up many Christians in his net of deception.

A Christian may then ask how one can withstand the subtleties of Satan in this philosophical arena of life. The Bible specifically speaks of two ways by which the child of God may come to maturity and dispel these deceptions. In the first place the admonition is to the Spirit-filled life (Eph. 5:18). This life is not one of getting more of the Spirit, but that of allowing all of the Spirit to "permeate" him from the standpoint of control. And in Colossians 3:16, which has as its context much the same as that of Ephesians 5:18, it is seen that the Spirit-filled Christian is the Word-filled Christian. To be Spirit filled is to allow the Holy Spirit to help one grow in grace through the Word of God. This gives the spiritual discernment as Paul tells us in I Corinthians 2:14.

The second method is for the spiritually mature Christian to accept the basic principles laid down by the Apostle Paul for the great "gray" area of life. It is not the "white" area (that is, Love the Lord thy God, Honor thy father and mother, and so forth) that is difficult for the Christian to understand. Nor so much the "black" area (that is, Thou shalt not kill, steal, lie, and so forth) in one's judgment (discernment), but the "gray" area where God's laws for His children, who by the discernment of the Spirit within, may be able to make the proper decisions of life. For the person of the world this is "doing your own thing" in any given situation—and this is Satan's way. For the Christian this is spiritual discernment in any given situation, and is God's way.

Paul gives three principles to help the Christian make the proper choice as to where he goes, what he participates in, what he says. The first is Romans 14:8 as to how this affects the individual's relation with God. Does it help or hinder? The second is in verses 10-12 in that each Christian shall someday give an account before God as to his actions. Does what we do help or hinder our own spiritual growth? Then in Romans 14:13, 15, 19 we find the third principle which is in relationship to the Christian's fellow man, both regenerate and unre-

generate. Does what we do adversely affect our testimony or enhance it? Is one a help or a stumblingblock to a fellow Christian? Does it help to lead an unregenerate friend to Christ or drive him away?

The reason Paul cites these three principles is easily illustrated from life's situations. When a child is young his parents not only train him properly, but make most of the specific decisions of life for him. As he grows older he assumes an increasing burden of making those decisions until he comes to a point where he breaks away from home—then every decision is his. Many of his evaluations in life are based on the way he was brought up. Good basic principled training by parents will usually result in proper decisions by the child in later life. In the Christian life God wants us to come to spiritual maturity. He does not always stipulate in Scripture the answers to each of life's decisions and choices. But He does give us the proper principles by which we may be guided. By the spiritual discernment given by the Holy Spirit the mature Christian is able to apply the principles in specific decision making. This is God's method of helping each immature child of His grow in grace. Thus the "gray" area, with its questionable problems, may be evaluated properly and categorized by the individual as either right or wrong for him.

After the Christian evaluates these three principles, the Apostle Paul concludes the application in Romans 14:22-23 by stating that a successful and proper answer to these principles should result in being at perfect liberty to proceed in participation, if there is no doubt. But if application in action of one or more of these principles is doubted, then the Christian should not participate. This is God's situational ethics—not left to the sleight of mankind or Satan, but through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the absolute standard of the Word of God. One can never go wrong when these infallible rules are followed.

The Apostle Paul begins several of his epistles with the phrase, "an apostle by the will of God." This statement, more than any other, explains the marvelous gift of God's grace to His servant, and reveals the secret of the Apostle's wonderful life and fruitful ministry: "By the will of God."

In the Sango Bible this phrase, translated literally, reads: "Because God wanted [or wants] it like this." This truth certainly distinguishes the consecrated and fruitful life and ministry of God's chosen servant who is the subject of this article.

Noel Gaiwaka was born in the secluded village of Baloa in the Karre Mountains, fifteen miles north of Bozoum in the Central African Republic. We do not know the exact date, for his people were heathen and illiterate and left no records. From observations we have been able to make, it was probably in the year 1910. His father was Karre and his mother Gbaya. Mixed marriages were unusual at that time, as were monogamous marriages. Gaiwaka had three brothers and one sister; these all died, except one brother, before Gaiwaka reached the age of twenty. His one brother was a nominal Christian, but he too died while Gaiwaka was still a young man. His father was a leper and died when Gaiwaka was a boy. His mother died shortly afterwards. As an orphan boy he knew many sorrows and heartaches. He grew up in his mountain home during the transitional period after the Germans had withdrawn from the area and before the French had fully taken over again. He remembers when the soldiers came and forced the home village to move from the mountain hideout to its present location at the foot of the hill.

Gaiwaka learned the Karre language for he is Karre. However, he visited his mother's village often and learned to speak her language, which was Gbaya. Later he learned Sango, the commercial language of the country, and still later he learned French while in school. Along with other boys of his age group, he was initiated into "nganza," the circumcision rite, and learned the dance of this ceremonial act. However, unlike most of the boys of his tribe, he never joined the secret society of "Soumaili," the worship of a divinity known as "Varakanda." He was shielded from the degrading and

diabolic influences of this heathen religion—"because God wanted it like this." Like all Karre, however, he worshiped his ancestors and attended the annual ceremonies in their honor.

Our Karre lad was a boy of eleven when pioneer Gribble made his first exploration trip into the Karre Mountains in March 1921. At that time Mr. Gribble chose a young man to teach the Karre language to the missionaries. Noel remembers this visit because the man Mr. Gribble chose was one of Gaiwaka's first cousins, and also because Mr. Gribble rode his bicycle, the first the Karre had ever seen. They called it an "iron horse." At the close of the same year the first missionary station was located at Bassai, just five miles from Gaiwaka's boyhood home. Later he came to the station to live with his cousin-teacher and there he heard the Gospel for the first time. His orphaned heart was tender, and he yielded to the invitation to receive the Lord Jesus as his Saviour—"because God wanted it like this." A year later, after attending the pre-baptismal class for Christian instruction, he was baptized in the little stream that flows through the valley at the foot of the Bassai hill.

The first regular day school of the mission at Bassai was opened in May 1927, and Noel entered with the first class. He was small for his age and slender. But school came to Karreland too late for Noel to have the advantage of attending in his younger and formative years. However, he applied himself to his studies and became a good student. He was very conscientious and before long was recognized as the spiritual leader of the school.

At this time several commercial concerns began to locate small stores and trading centers in the area and needed literate men to clerk in the stores and to tailor clothes. Some of the young men in Noel's class sought this new and fascinating work. He was also tempted with this wave of materialism. His village chief purchased a sewing machine and made glowing promises to him if he would learn the tailor's trade. But the weekly visits of the faithful students to nearby villages to preach the Good News interested Noel more than being a tailor. Furthermore, he had not forgotten his promise to the Lord to serve Him when his schooling was completed. So



Noel Gaiwaka

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By Dr. Orville D. Jobson

Noel Gaiwaka's exhortations as a father in the faith and a brother in the Lord have saved many from shipwreck and brought rebellious brethren back to the fold.

he came to the place where a choice had to be made. He could not serve God and mammon. After definite prayer he made the right choice. The sewing machine was returned to the chief and he rededicated his life to serve his Lord—"because God wanted it like this." He still looks back on that experience as being one of the great decisions of his life. He relives it every time he calls on the congregation to sing, "I Surrender All."

The daily Bible classes which were taught in connection with the regular day school gave these young men a good foundational knowledge of the Word of God, and during vacation periods from school they assisted at the chapels in the surrounding villages. In 1929 Noel spent three months at Bozoum and a year later he spent some time at Baloa, his home village. Then after his formal schooling was over he went to Bassai as full-time preacher and teacher. There he was married to Esther Doyai, a young woman of his own tribe.

In 1936 Noel was appointed by the Bassai conference to become the pastor of the Bozoum group of believers. While there for a period of eighteen years, he developed into a strong Christian leader and, by God's grace, built a church with a spiritual testimony. While at Bozoum he attended the four semesters of the mission's first Central Bible School, which was begun in 1938. In 1940 the Bozoum church loaned its pastor to a struggling group of believers at Baibokoum in the Chad, where he spent six months teaching the Word, baptizing believers, and organizing the church. Upon his return from this missionary journey, the Bozoum church asked for his ordination to the eldership. He was examined and ordained by elders: John Noatemo, Floyd Taber, Jake Kliever and Orville Jobson on October 28, 1940, when he was thirty years of age. "God wanted it like this."

Pastor Noel's ministry at Bozoum was wide and varied. He had opportunities to do evangelistic work in many villages and to form groups of believers

into churches. He trained leaders for these groups. He held Sunday afternoon meetings in the prison, where many were saved and later two became leaders of their own village groups. He was hospitable, as a true elder, and his home was always open to the constant flow of Christian workers and students passing through Bozoum. All of his children, except the eldest, were born there.

As full and fruitful as were his years at Bozoum, God had still greater things in store for His servant. In 1954 the mission opened a station in Bangui to serve the hundreds of scattered Brethren in the capital city. Pastor Noel was asked to consider this new opportunity. He prayed about it for six months before giving his reply. Then having obtained the Lord's will he came forth from the closet ready to accept this new challenge—"because God wanted it like this."

It is now seventeen years since Pastor Noel went to Bangui. There was no church building—only scattered Brethren and others who needed salvation and spiritual food. Within the first year he had counseled with hundreds and organized the church with 500 members. There were over a thousand who attended the Sunday morning service in the temporary shelter. Twelve meeting places were established in the various tribal quarters for weekday meetings. God used His servant to mold this large cosmopolitan group of believers into a spiritual family in the Lord which learned to give and serve for the glory of Christ. Some of the larger meeting places soon developed into churches, and at present there are five. A beautiful new edifice was erected at the mother church in 1958, and even though hundreds of members have gone to the new area churches, the First Church is filled to capacity (1,500) every Sunday.

Pastor Noel is now a man of 61. He is mature in faith, rich in experience, and sound in doctrine. He loves his Lord and knows the secret of power in prayer. He is quiet and humble, gentle to all, and respectful to his elders. He

sees clearly his responsibilities as an elder in the church of God and gives of himself unstintingly for the Lord's work.

His greatest concern has been his own family. His helpmeet has not always been a help. She reads fluently and prays earnestly but lacks victory over the little things in her prosaic life as an African wife and mother. While his children are respectful, yet some of them have not followed in the footsteps of their father. These trials have strengthened Pastor Noel's patience, and made him sympathetic with others. God comforts His servant that he may in turn comfort others. His exhortations as a father in the faith and a brother in the Lord have saved many from shipwreck and brought rebellious brethren back to the fold.

Pastor Noel's ministry and influence have reached far beyond the local congregations which he has served. In 1957 he was chosen by his fellow elders to become the president of the first all-African ministerium, and a year later he was elected moderator of the first General Conference of African Brethren Churches—"because God wanted it like this." In addition to the respect and honor paid to Pastor Noel by both his brethren and missionaries alike, the President of the Republic decorated him as a Knight of the Order of Merit in 1960. The ceremony was held at the entrance of the beautiful First Church in Bangui at the close of a Sunday morning service in the presence of some two thousand people, the Minister of Public Instruction officiating for the President.

Three years ago when a constitution for incorporating the Union of Brethren Churches was being prepared, Pastor Noel was the unanimous choice for president. And now he has been selected by his brethren as the official delegate of the African churches to attend our national conference in the United States.

Thus, Brethren people who sent missionaries to Pastor Noel's country are going to have the joy of seeing and hearing the testimony of this trophy of grace—"because God wants it like this."

(FMS editor's note: Pastor Noel will be present at the 1971 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. He will also visit a few of the Brethren churches in the United States before returning to Africa in November.)

A Lifetime Investment

"One thousand educated ministers without charges, many of them employed as farmers and many of them as common parish schoolmasters, waiting for the removal of the present incumbent that they might succeed to their living . . ." This was the situation years ago in Scotland as recorded by Dr. Rufus Anderson (*To Advance the Gospel*). Although one stirring appeal after another was made by the Scottish Missionary Society for laborers in the Lord's vineyard, yet not one of this vast number of ministers volunteered. Anderson used the illustration to emphasize that "there is a very great danger in making our feelings and our desires a test of our duty, especially in a service which requires much self-denial."

Today's state of affairs is worse. We have neither an excess of preachers nor of missionaries. On top of that add this: *the missionary force worldwide is decreasing*. It is estimated that there are one thousand fewer Protestant missionaries in active service now than there were last year. The prospects for volunteers to man the dwindling ranks are downright discouraging. Yet, the needs, the opportunities, and the successes of Christian missions worldwide were never greater.

Why is it that so few are volunteering as career missionaries? One of the newcomers to gain acceptance on the list of reasons claims that the insistence of mission boards to life commitments is one of the major reasons why young people shy away from involvement with the mission program. Today's youth is growing up in a society where it is normal for a person to change secular careers two or three times in a lifetime. Why, they ask, should this not be permissible for the

servants of Christ as well? If, in applying this to the foreign missionary, one means that he may move around in his work rather than settling down to a particular area or method of operation, or that he should update himself to keep pace with modern trends in missions, there would be little objection to this concept. But if the argument applies to men called of God to the ministry of Jesus Christ and suggests that they may change careers and still claim to be doing God's will in a secular position, then we feel compelled to disagree.

Jesus said: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Our Lord felt that His work was important enough to demand the best a man had—full time.

With the trend swinging so enthusiastically to short-term service (to say nothing of the tragic departure from the ministry of so many—a recent survey claiming that one in eight ministers is considering leaving the ministry), it is time to reconsider this question: is it right to expect a life commitment to missionary service? Is it right to expect a Christian to place himself in a situation where he must make sacrifices and discipline himself far beyond the demands placed upon his compatriots?

It is not necessarily a great sacrifice to live overseas for a few years. Indeed, many seek this experience for personal reasons—to rub shoulders with a different culture, to learn a foreign language, to travel. All of this helps broaden one's character, and can be looked upon as a beneficial educational experience. It will even increase one's value in his chosen career.

The Foreign Missionary Society receives requests from folks who frankly admit that they are seeking employment overseas with our Society in order to broaden themselves. If this were a secular business operation, perhaps this motive would not be objectionable. But it is hardly evidence of a true missionary spirit.

The missionary invests his life because he believes that the call of Jesus

Christ is the very best investment he can make with that life. He is convinced that it pays to be a dedicated, devoted disciple of Jesus Christ. Yet, the dividends of such investment may not be—and most probably will not be realized during the course of his physical life on earth. Paul said: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" [pitiable] (I Cor. 15:19). The sacrifices, self-denial, inconveniences, and criticisms which go along with a missionary career just do not appear to be worth a *lifetime* effort if our Lord will accept less. But He won't accept less. In response to Peter's question concerning the value of the ministry, Jesus defends the principle of sacrifice, self-denial, and devotion to duty in order to receive greatly increased benefits later. "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:29). Jesus did not expect that His disciples would return to their secular occupations after a short period of service. Nor did He expect them to abandon the ministry when things got rough. He expected that they would continue in service for life. Needless to say, they did.

Neither the expectations of Christ for His disciples nor the needs of the present-day world suggest that lesser devotion and dedication is the order of the day for today's missionary. Bishop Stephen Neill once wrote: "I may place on record my conviction that the needs of the mission field are always far greater than the needs of the church at home, that no human qualifications, however high, render a man or woman more than adequate for missionary work. That there is no other career which affords such scope for enterprise and creative work, and that in comparison with the slight sacrifice demanded, the reward is great beyond all measuring."

A career in missions, anyone? The investment of your life is worth it.—JWZ



Termites, White Ants

How about a new home, African style? The primary needs are big termites and little white ants.

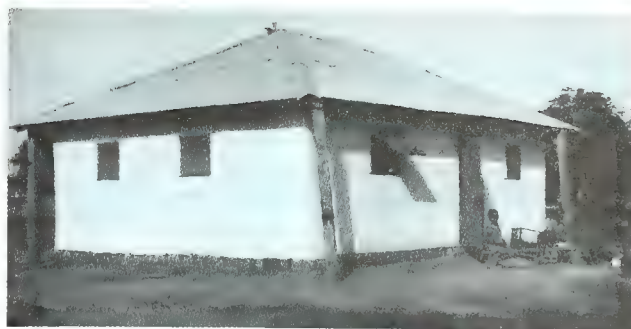
Now, for many Africans the old style grass huts are on the way out. Even the round block buildings are disappearing, making way for rectangular homes, most with grass roofs and hard-packed dirt floors. For some, block buildings with three or four rooms, concrete floors, aluminum roofs, and shutters are the fashion.

The construction begins with a large termite hill. The termites live and die building colony over colony, and across the centuries they have covered this area with mounds six to eight feet high and thirty feet across. This is the good red clay which is best for making "potopoto brique" (mud block). The Africans take off their shoes, shovel some mud into a pile, add a little more water, and climb in. Stamp, squish, turn a little mud into the center now and then—and soon one begins to get the feel of it. When the "potopoto" is mixed well, some of it is shoveled into a wooden form, packed well, dampened and smoothed a little, and then slipped off the form to sun-dry. These are turned each few days until dry, being constantly covered with straw so they do not dry too fast and crack. This clay appears to be much the same as that used by the people of Mexico, except that earthquakes are unheard of here and thus straw is not needed for extra strength.

Not to be outdone but rather to complement, the white ants also help build the house. White anthills look like giant mushrooms. When crushed and mixed with water, they form a fine plaster which can be finished with whitewash. The mission buildings are plastered with cement over wire for an even longer life.

Would you like to come along and follow the construction of a kitchen for the dispensary and hospital? Building commences much the same as at home. First, the site is selected, elevations established, measurements taken, and lines set up for trenching. Three men with picks and shovels then dig the perimeter trench about twelve inches deep and sixteen inches wide. But after that things begin to be different. Next comes rock for crushing and stone to be hand-squared for the foundation. All the rock and stone are hauled from nearby. The stone in this area is red and looks much like the porous volcanic stone of southern central Oregon.

An old building



A new building

A block about 12x18x18 is squared with mallet, chisel and machete. A base of crushed rock and clay mud about four inches deep is laid in the bottom of the trench, and then the stone is set on. Clay or cement mortar is used between the squared stone. Later the floor is filled and tamped with layers of crushed rock and clay until it is even with the foundation stone. A one-inch concrete floor is poured and covered with wet planer chips.

After a few days the "potopoto brique" walls are started. The first course is set in cement as a termite barrier; then, the rest of the brique is set with clay mortar. As the walls progress upward, hardwood door jambs and window cases are set, topped with a two-inch concrete header and finally a two-inch concrete cap on the walls at the ceiling line. Trusses are secured to the walls with a light reinforcing rod in preparation for the aluminum roof.

These kitchens are a little unusual—three walls are open, and the floor has sixteen-inch-square openings every few feet for a steel rack about eight inches high, which is used to support cooking utensils over a small wood fire. At one end of the building are two shower rooms and a large set of cabinets for each family's utensils and food. A kitchen like this is a luxury here, for most people build their fires on the ground outside. This roofed area is a shelter from both the sun and the rain.

I have been able to help with the work here, both in the design and carrying through of a few jobs, though language is clumsy. Not only are words different in the language, but the sequence of words and thinking are also different. I am very thankful to be in the Central African Republic before Al Balzer retires in August, for there is much to see and learn which can only be acquired by being here.

Our Lord has been very gracious in supplying our immediate needs and soothing our questioning minds. We do pray for continuing guidance and understanding. We covet your prayers for the construction program here, and foremost for the growth of these people in the knowledge of Christ, the one and only way to eternal life with God.

(FMS editor's note: The Klus family has been in the C.A.R. for about six months now. Mr. Klus is engaged in the building program for the church and the mission, and will assume oversight of the work when the Balzers return to the States this summer.)

and African Buildings

By Ben Klus, *Missionary Builder*

Dowdys Return to Argentina



Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy

I thank God for giving me a continuing outlook to the future while at the same time keeping me aware of the fact that life is *now*, today. I am grateful also for the backward look as I reflect on the wonderful way in which the Lord has dealt with me during almost seven decades.

Life for me began in Eggleston, Virginia, a small whistle-stop on the Norfolk and Western Railway. Later we moved to Roanoke, Virginia. My father was killed in a railroad wreck, leaving my mother with six small children. By the goodness of God and the strength He supplied, our mother was able to bring us up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We attended the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, and as a teenager I made a profession of faith in Christ and became a member of that church.

Two years later we moved approximately six miles from Roanoke to Hollins. There we began to attend the Mountain View Brethren Church (now Patterson Memorial). After some nine years, during which I was very active in church, Sunday school and youth organization, Rev. J. E. Patterson, our pastor, and Rev. Archie Lynn talked me into going to college.

Since I had dropped out of high school in the freshman year, entering college was not exactly the next logical number on my program. Evidently though it was God's will that I go to college, for arrangement was made to admit me as a special student (at 27 years of age). The Lord was working out a plan for me, and before my senior year it was decided that I

could be allowed to graduate with the A.B. degree, which I did with honors.

Another three years in seminary and I was faced with the problem of where and how I would serve the Lord who had done so much for me. Fortunately, by that time I did not have to face such problems alone. Two years before, the Lord had given me a wife. Just shortly before graduation the Lord confronted us with the opportunity to serve in Argentina. Through much serious consideration with prayer, it became clear that we should go. Less than a year later (in April 1937), we landed in Buenos Aires, and under the guidance of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Sickel we began our first term of foreign missions service.

During four terms over a period of twenty-five years we did just about every kind of work that needed doing in a mission, and thus all the variety of things learned through the previous years proved to be of value. Years before, the Lord knew, and led me into the various experiences that would be useful on the mission field.

Then in 1963 we were asked to remain in the States to teach missions in Grace College and Seminary. This was not an easy decision, but it seemed to be the Lord's will, so for five years I taught missions and Spanish and for three years Spanish only.

Now, there is a need for missionary help in Argentina and we feel the Lord would have us return. So, we are getting ready to go. Please hold us up in your prayers.—*J. Paul Dowdy*

"Would you be willing to go back to Argentina in the Lord's work?"

When the question was directed to me about eighteen months ago, I pondered, and then replied, "Yes—if it is the Lord's will." Sincerely I had hoped to visit our friends in Argentina sometime, but it was just one of those upper-room dreams that often fade away in time. Then when other missionaries returned and asked us about this, it became a matter of definite prayer. I asked the Lord if there were not some younger missionaries who could go and do the work more effectively than we. Then I asked Him about my elderly parents (ages 82 and 79), who are both under doctors' care for heart ailments. However, they are both able to care for themselves as they live in their own mobile home in Sarasota, Florida. We commit them to the Lord, who alone can keep and guide them.

Many changes have taken place in the States in regard to our family during the nine years since we returned from Argentina. Jim, our oldest son, and Carolyn were married during our last term on the field. They and little Ruthie met us when we returned.

THE CALL

Ruthie is now twelve and brother Jonnie is eight years old. Little Jamie joined their family about four years ago. In 1964 the Lord called them to a ministry on the Mexican border, and He has given them varied and useful ministries in the Juarez-El Paso area.

Soon after our arrival in the States, our second son, Roger, graduated from college and then was married. Now he is finishing his Ph.D. work at the University of Missouri, after which he and Jacquie and their three-year-old daughter, Julie, will move back to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he will again teach in MacMurray College.

In June 1969, Robert graduated from college and a few weeks later was married to Cheryl, who graduated from college in 1970, and they are both teaching in a boys preparatory school. They live here in Winona Lake. We praise the Lord for our family and are confident that they will be prayerfully supporting us in our work in Argentina.

Now that we are in our last days of preparation, I have mixed emotions about our new assignment in the Buenos Aires area. Throughout our years of service in the land, I learned to love the Argentine people. During our absence many changes have taken place on that mission field. Some of the "old faithfuls" have gone; new ones have come to take their places. The work has passed through a turbulent time of testing. I realize that things will not be the same as they used to be. But we are all living in an ever-changing world. How thankful we are that our Lord Jesus is "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

We praise the Lord for the brethren who are prayerfully supporting us, and for new friendships during these years in the States.

Friends, there is still a great need for more missionaries. Will you please pray for new recruits?—*Dortha Dowdy*

(FMS editor's note: The Dowdys expect to leave about the middle of the summer for a two-year term in Argentina. Their first year will be spent in the oversight and management of the Lomas de Zamora bookstore while the Hill Maconaghys are on furlough.)

*I hear the sound of distant drums
Throbbing their pagan beat,
Muffling the anguished cry
Of millions soon to die,
Forever lost in darkness and in night.*

*I hear the sound of distant cries
Voicing their wordless plea
That someday they might know
If there is hope for them, and so
They might look up and find the path, the way.*

*I hear a low, compelling voice,
Commandingly it speaks and says:
"To all the world go ye
And bid them lift their eyes and see
The Way, the Truth, the Life, the Light,
Revealed that anguished day at Calvary."*

—J. Keith Altig



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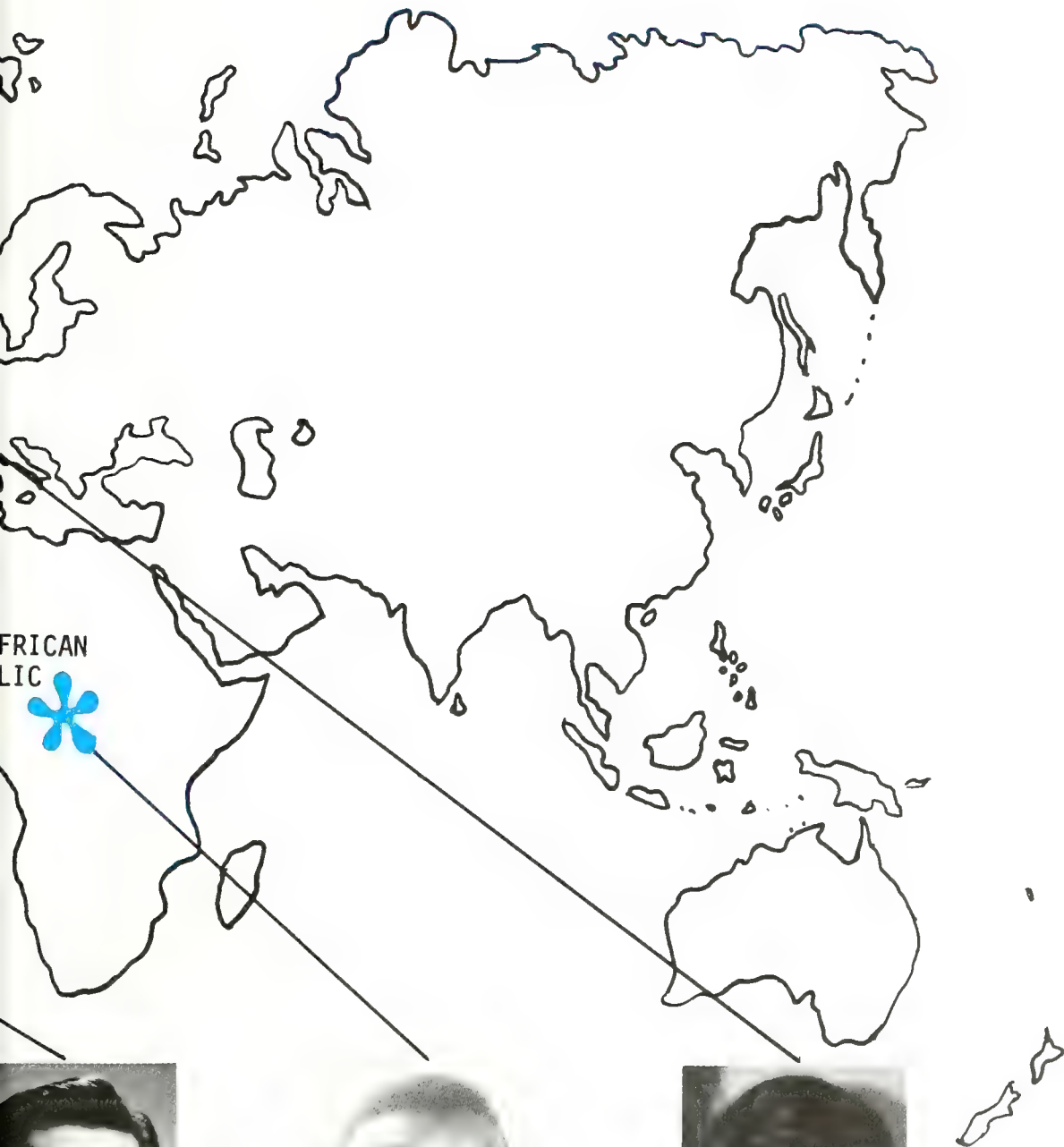


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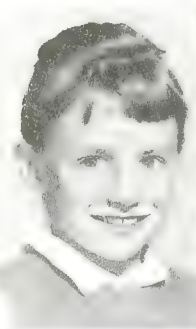
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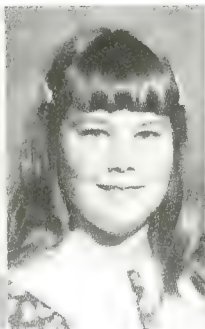
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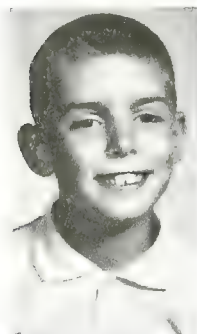


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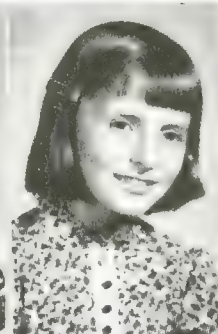
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HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY





By Althea S. Miller

Is Unintimidated

One thing I know for sure—from the time I began thinking about writing this “Creative Woman” series, I’ve been pulverized in a crucible of heartaches and incredible problems which have literally forced me to put my actions where my mouth is. Apparently God isn’t allowing me to become a theorist. He’s insisting I practice what I preach.

Which leads me to say I’m almost afraid to write on this subject of intimidation. For all my brash and sometimes courageous-looking exterior, I’ve not always been that way inside. Often I’ve suffered inwardly under a barrage of intimidations, real or fancied, from both people and circumstances.

Having admitted this, I decided to investigate areas of intimidations to which women are often subjected. Opening those doors wasn’t easy. Women are reluctant to stand stripped of a covering facade, no matter if that facade is brittle or shallow.

Femininity was the first door I battered down. My eyes were boggled with an amazing array of banners in every conceivable color, size and shape that climbed up, over and around the walls of this imaginary room. Like—

Don’t let your femininity show.

Make a splash in this man’s world. Be at least halfway competitive. That’ll show ’em. (Men??)

Don’t be too soft, or pink, or gentle. They’ll trample you to bits.

I shuddered and left the room. I

like being a feminine female and don’t feel threatened here.

The next door yielded a bit easier. I saw a desk at which sat a handsome, grey-haired man. Obviously he was immersed in thought for he never looked up to acknowledge any interruption. I ambled around the large room and saw a Steinway grand standing between two floor-to-ceiling windows. Set close to the piano were three pedestals each with a large marble bust of the famous three B’s—Bach, Brahms, Beethoven. I got the message, all the while wondering if women can neither think nor compose creatively.

Where is the woman who hasn’t felt the sting of: “You’re illogical”? In my younger years that accusation bugged me no end. Not now. I’ve learned that female intuition (as against stark imagination) is a happy balance for male logic (which alone can be deadly cold). Combining what basic logic I am capable of with a balanced, developed intuition and a believed knowledge of the absolutes of God’s Word, I’m sure I don’t have to be intimidated by others who can grapple with the theory of relativity, for example. That rattles my mind! I make a creative enough contribution to my world when I love, understand, and get along with my relatives!

I had no particular hangups when I left this room.

What lay behind some other doors did intimidate me. The fear of failure—how that very thought has sometimes frozen me into immobility. When and if I fail, what will happen? I don’t want to fail, but in attempting, I am bound to fall on my face once in

awhile. Nothing is ever achieved without trial, and most often some error.

When my feet slip into some sin will my Father forgive and set me on my feet again? Will my family forgive and forget, and take me again into its bosom? It’s very important to me that they do. But if they don’t, do I allow fear to thwart me into non-creativity? Not on your life! I am known and loved by my Creator, Father-God who is never tired of my fresh beginnings. So in that knowledge I forget . . . “those things which are behind, and . . . press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13-14). I am thus unintimidated by failure.

What can I say about intimidations lurking behind other doors; the magnitude of a given task; the Adversary’s uses of life’s turbulent waters to knock me down, bruise my soul; when I’ve nearly followed Job’s wife’s advice, “curse God and die”? Surely, intimidations are very real. But Job’s spiritual integrity kept him from jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. So did mine. Not because I was strong, or wise, even good. But because my Father was and is all I was and am not on my own.

A final door hid a last threat—intimidation of death. I actually lived behind that door for something over four years. There were periods when it appeared that we might escape. Some life and hope still dangled before us, but as we began to step over the threshold, death’s long, bony, rattling arms pulled us back. An escape was never effected. Were we intimidated? I’d be less than honest if I said Never. But in all honesty I can say that at the moment of death we were not. My Father “giveth more grace.”

Then what about life? Today? Trials, troubles created by the living have and are rocking us with chilling intimidations. We’ve learned that there are worse things than death. Yet we rejoice in the truth that if God gives more grace in the face of death’s intimidation, is He less able in life’s?

O my soul: “Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength” (Isa. 26:4). Ah, Life, I stand unintimidated before you although bloody and bowed my head, or serene my face with smile, knowing creativity through Him whether it be by life or by death.

Church News



HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA. Dedication services for the new parsonage at the Vicksburg Brethren Church were held Feb. 7. For the morning worship service, Rev. Thomas Miller, assistant pastor at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, spoke to the congregation he had known since his childhood. His mother, Mrs. Mary Miller, was honored for giving the property to the church for the new building. The offering for the day was \$2,022, topping the \$1,000 goal that had been set. Pastor and Mrs. Richard Harstine held an open house at the parsonage in the afternoon.

WHEATON, ILL. Rev. Bruce B. Baker has resigned from Christian Service Brigade after 11 years as a staff member. He has accepted the position as the first full-time director on Northern Frontier camp. This camp is affiliated with Brigade in the metropolitan New York area.

KENAI, ALASKA. People in Alaska appreciate Mother's Day. There were 48 present for the morning worship service that day and 28 in Sunday school. There were 11 in attendance for the first time, and 18 visitors who had attended before. A survey to discover new prospects is being taken of the east end of town which includes a seven-square mile area of woods, dirt roads, the main highway, and many people. The survey has uncovered 20 families who do not attend church anywhere. Herman H. Hein, pastor.

JACKSON, MICH. An informative presentation of slides on the sequence of prophetic events was recently given by Mr. Glenn Whittaker of Pueblo, Colo. All records were broken with an average Sunday-school attendance of 97 in April. This exceeds any month in the history of the church. Gilbert Hawkins, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. A "Meet My Friend" day was held at the church May 16. Each member was encouraged to invite an unsaved friend to attend church, with an opportunity to introduce him to the congregation. Edwin E. Cashman, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Former deputy inspector with the New York City Police Department, Mr. Conrad Jenson, brought a heart-stirring challenge to the Patterson Park Brethren Church recently. He is now traveling across the country in an unusual evangelistic effort with Word of Life. John R. Terrell, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. Mel Grimm is the new pastor of the First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif. Please send all mail for Pastor Grimm to: Box 396, Fillmore, Calif. 93015. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Cripe, 15860 W. Von Sosten Rd., Tracy, Calif. 95376. Rev. and Mrs. Dan Grabill, 9804 Jamaica Rd., Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Flowers, R. R. 8, Box 391-A, Roanoke Va. 24014. Please change *Annual*.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Rev. Roy E. Kreimes was ordained to the Christian ministry Apr. 18 at the Summit Mills Brethren Church. Rev. Michael Funderburg presided and Rev. Robert E. A. Miller brought the ordination message. Other participating ministers were Fred Walter, James Hoffmeyer, David Thompson, Arthur Collins, True Hunt, Robert Burns, Paul Mohler, and Clifford Wicks.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The "Man of the Year" award went to Mr. Jim Earnest at the Dads and Lads Banquet held recently with 95 in attendance. Jim is active in the church as assistant choir director and choir member, assistant Sunday-school superintendent, and Sunday-school teacher.

BUENA VISTA, VA. A record-smashing 531 in attendance on Easter Sunday and 11 decisions climaxed the exciting end to a week of meetings with Dr. Charles Smith of Grace Theological Seminary. The attendance goal of 525 was surpassed and three teenage girls received Christ as their Saviour. The Spirit of God continued to work the following week with an increase in attendance of 92 over a year ago and one more decision for salvation. Lester W. Kennedy, pastor.

EAST DISTRICT. The district conference was held Apr. 23-25 at Blue Knob Ski Lodge for the second year, with over 175 registered. The Bible speaker was Dr. Douglas MacCorkle, president of Philadelphia College of the Bible. In conference action, the Grace Brethren Church of Indiana, Pa., was received into the district as a fellowshipping church; a district newspaper will be printed to keep churches informed and closer knit. Officers elected are Rev. Wesley Haller, moderator; Rev. John Gregory, vice moderator; Rev. Kenneth Koontz, secretary; Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, treasurer; Miss Rose Snyder, statistician.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Kenai, Alaska	June 20-27	Herman Hein	Allen Herr
Waimalu, Hawaii	July 4-9	Edmund Leech	Allen Herr
Wahiawa, Hawaii	July 11-16	Foster Tresise	Allen Herr

TOUR TO MEXICO OFFERED

Seven persons have already signed up for this exciting tour! Visit Mexico City and see missions at work as well as many historical points of interest. This is the opportunity that will be available on August 14, following national conference.

The eight-day trip will be directed by Charles W. Turner, general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., and Ralph Colburn, chairman of the board of trustees.

Departure for those who attend national conference, or persons from the East and Midwest, will be from Chicago. For those on the west coast or in other areas who are not able to attend conference, but would still like to join the tour, departure will be from Los Angeles and the two groups will meet in Mexico City.

If you desire information you may write to either the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; or Rev. Ralph Colburn, 3490 La Jara St., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. At a retreat in the mountains Apr. 16-18, Cmdr. David Meschke challenged 37 young people of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church to begin "doing God's own thing" instead of their own. Three inches of fresh snow came unexpectedly to heighten the interest. Cmdr. Meschke is a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. The highlight of the retreat was the Saturday-night fagot service in which a number of young people dedicated their lives to Christ. Dale Brock, pastor.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. Broken records and future expansion are items of interest at Brookville. On Easter Sunday both church and Sunday-school records were broken with 337 and 229 present, respectively. At a special church business meeting, the congregation voted to add 4,200 more square feet to the existing building. This will be done through volunteer help on the part of church members. Clair Brickel, pastor.



CHICAGO, ILL. Representatives from the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, Brethren Home Missions, and Brethren Foreign Missions attended the Evangelical Press Association convention held at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel May 10-12. A highlight of the Tuesday noon luncheon was a performance by the Dimensions in Brass from Grace College. Pictured above are (l to r) Rev. Charles W. Turner, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*; Jerry Franks, director of the Dimensions in Brass; Dr. Sherwood Wirt, editor of *Decision* magazine and president of EPA; and Mr. Norman Rohrer, executive secretary of EPA.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. Interior improvements were made in the church with the installation of a baptismistry, draperies, and a carpeted extension on the platform. There have been 24 people baptized in the new facility. Gene Witzky, pastor.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. Ground was broken for the new sanctuary addition May 2 at the Grace Brethren Church. Plans for the new building were drawn by the Brethren Architectural Service, and provide for a Colonial design seating 325, with an overflow area for an additional 75. Provisions for several Sunday-school classes and a choir room are made in the rear of the sanctuary.

The church just recently observed its sixth anniversary, and has been in the first unit four years. Rev. Arthur Malles, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster was the special speaker for this occasion, and several Brethren pastors in the area participated in the service.

Mr. Cary Engle, who has served with the Brethren Construction Co., in the past, and is a member of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church of Harrisburg, Pa., will serve as the construction foreman. The congregation includes three carpenters, two plasterers, a cement finisher, and an electrician who will all give of their services to the program. Construction is expected to take about six months. Warren E. Tamkin, pastor.

NORWALK, CALIF. There were 17 students from the Norwalk Christian Elementary School who took part in the California Association of Christian Schools Speech Festival. In the Original Poems contest, Kenneth Harris—6th grader—won first place in the upper division. Following is Kenneth's winning poem:

MY DOG PEPPER

I have a little puppy dog.
He's black as he can be.
He always runs and jumps about
And loves to play with me.
He follows me outside to play
And is always at my heels.
He helps me when I mow the lawn
By chasing at the wheels.
This little dog is very smart,
He knows my every mood.
He comes and sits beneath my chair
And always begs my food.
Oh, thank you God, for little dogs
That we can love and treasure.
Help us Lord, to remember this,
That they were given for our pleasure.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A diploma was granted to Charles Koontz, manager of the College Bookstore, for successfully completing a Management Seminar Course conducted by the National Association of College Stores. The course consisted of two weeks of concentrated classes in all areas of bookstore management.



Rev. William Steffler

HARVEY CEDARS, N.J. Rev. William Steffler was honored at the Northern Atlantic District Conference May 21-23, for fifty years of service in the ministry.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Rev. Gerald Kelley has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church beginning in July.

MAITLAND, FLA. Seventy years is a long time to live. Even more impressive is to live that long with someone else. This is just what Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wise have done. They celebrated their *Seventieth* Wedding Anniversary Apr. 10. Edna is 88 and Sam is 91 years old. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. In a special business meeting, the Grace Brethren Chapel voted unanimously to go by the recommendation and approval of the Brethren Home Missions Council to purchase the properties on either side of the Chapel for \$11,000. The land will be used for space to build a six-classroom multipurpose building onto the present building. We ask for the prayers of the Brethren people as this young congregation proceeds with this project. Marion Thomas, pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Dedication of new carpeting and other interior improvements was part of the Easter service at the First Brethren Church. The total cost of the improvements was \$6,000. New carpet was placed in the sanctuary, foyer, choir loft, ladies' lounge and crib room. In addition, walls were repainted, new drapes were hung, and the lounge and crib rooms were refurnished. New outside trim and guttering were installed around the roof of both the church and parsonage. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

TELFORD, PA. At a recent business meeting the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church extended a call to Rev. Harold Jones to become assistant pastor, working in the area of visitation. Robert Griffith, pastor.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. Rev. Edward Clark, pastor of the Temple City Grace Brethren Church terminated his ministry here June 1. The Clark family will move to Warsaw, Ind., sometime in June.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BROWN, William A., 54, died Apr. 29. He regularly attended the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. He was the father of Mrs. June Berkey, the pastor's wife. Merlin D. Berkey, pastor.

BRYANT, Walter G., 53, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va., went to be with the Lord Mar. 29. Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

FOREMAN, Callie, 95, the oldest member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., passed away Apr. 10. She was the mother of Mrs. Bryson Fetters. Services were held by her former pastor.

MOYER, Christian, 76, a member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa., died Apr. 21. Robert Griffith, pastor.

THOMPSON, Clem 63, passed away Apr. 20. He was a member of the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa. Donald Jentes, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Ann Brickel and Jeff Davis, Brookville Grace Brethren Church of Brookville, Ohio. Rev. Clair Brickel, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

Nadine Dahlke and Barry Argabright, Mar. 26, at the groom's home, Virginia Beach, Va. Rev. Daniel Eshleman officiated.

Barbara Ann Deck and Randy Lee Miller, Apr. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

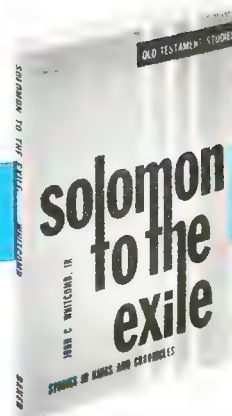
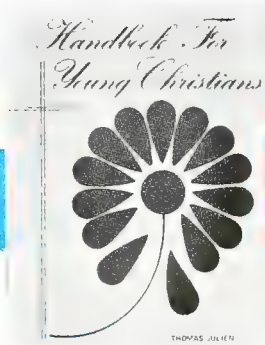
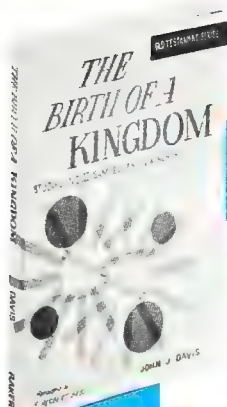
Joy Kelly and Gerald Sunthimer, Apr. 3, Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Lois Stanmier and James Roe, Apr. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Deborah Warner and James Simmons, Apr. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



MANSFIELD, OHIO. The remodeled sanctuary of the Grace Brethren Church was dedicated to the Lord May 16 in a special service with Dr. Bernard Schneider as guest speaker. The redecorating cost of \$18,000 was all paid for, debt free, as the result of a ten-month project. Dr. Schneider is a former pastor of the church, having served the congregation for 16 years. A rose window in the balcony was dedicated by the members in his honor. There were 329 in attendance at the service. The New Creation, a musical group from Grace College provided the special music. Richard E. Grant, pastor.



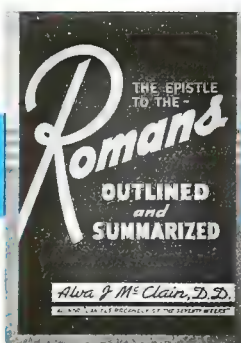
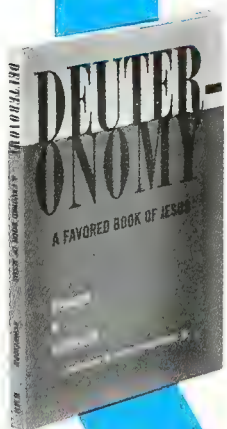
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Rally Held at Winona

The Indiana District WMC has much to be grateful for! Here are some of the reasons.

Our WMC groups (19 councils) are eager to participate in district functions. For instance, there were 100 ladies who traveled more than halfway across the state last October to the brand new Indianapolis Grace Brethren Church for the fall rally. There with the theme, "Living Abundantly . . . In My Home," they gave "abundantly" from their home treasuries for their chosen projects: \$300 toward redecorating a room at the Chateau in France, and \$250 for a side of beef, drapes, rugs, and a sander for the Navajo Mission in New Mexico. They set a goal for the current year of \$550 for a water system on the African field and for a polishing-scrubbing machine for Grace College. The special speaker for the day was Mrs. Eddie Miller, who gave word pictures of life in Brazil where she has served as a Brethren missionary.

Even before the fall rally, though,

there were forty-nine women, officers and leaders in their own local councils, who got together for a workshop. Each district officer took the corresponding local officers to seminars where they discussed with them ways to work more efficiently and enthusiastically in the local councils. Mrs. Thomas Hammers, national prayer chairman, later challenged the whole group to let everyone around them really see the Saviour in their lives.

"Living Abundantly . . . In My Church" was the theme for the spring fellowship festival held annually in the Winona Lake Brethren Church. There the ladies invited their husbands to an evening of musical treats. Several churches over the district presented their best in musical numbers; all 200 present joined their voices to become a great choir; and Mr. Edgar Lovelady, professor at Grace College, presented a concert using various stringed instruments. Afterwards the fellowship was completed over homemade pies and coffee.

District conference sessions were well attended. One of the highlights was the morning devotional speaker, Miss Marie Mishler, missionary to Central African Republic, who told vividly of some of her experiences on the field. The WMC conference theme, "Living Abundantly . . . In My Country," was carried through beautifully at the WMC-SMM banquet in table decorations and individual favors of praying hands and small flags made by the Peru councils. The Kokomo group gave a firsthand report from Kenai, Alaska, with slides and commentary by personal friends of the Heins. Completing the day was the special speaker, Mr. Ron Henry, Professor of History at Grace College, who spoke on the status of women through the years in the United States, and especially on the role of Christian women today in this great country.

Yes, the Lord has given this district so many things to be grateful for; how can we help but live abundantly for Him!

Indiana District officers. Seated (l to r): Mrs. Glenn Baker, president; Mrs. A. Rollin Sandy, was treasurer until district conference in April when Mrs. Thomas Thieme was elected (not pictured). Standing: Mrs. Ray Britton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Lord, editor; Mrs. Willard Secaur, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Harold Etling, prayer chairman; Mrs. Jerry Young, recording secretary; Mrs. Gerald Cline, vice president.



*Living
Abundantly*

In The Home

By Mrs. Richard Leek
Elkhart, Indiana

As we take time to meditate or think about living abundantly in the home, it sometimes seems that it is impossible. Home—the place where you can't put up any kind of a front because everyone knows you inside out. They know how long you can be pressured before you will give in or blow up. It's also a known fact if you're a grouch when you get up in the morning and if you're nice only when you have company.

Have you ever heard or seen one of your children go through a "mother routine"? This can be an eye-opener as to how abundant our living really is.

Abundance, according to Webster, means fully sufficient, plentiful or overflowing. Today there is a danger of thinking that our homes must overflow with things that money can buy. This is not the kind of abundance that will be lasting or satisfying, nor will it build a solid stable life for our children.

If we are going to live abundant lives in our homes, we are going to have to go to the source of supply. This is found in the Lord Jesus. There is only one way to keep filled to overflowing; this is done as we read the Word and pray. When we are filled, then we will be able to let His love flow through us to our families. This does not mean that we will be perfect or that we will always make the right decisions, but it does mean that we'll be able to accept our mistakes and to learn from them. God said in Genesis 18:19, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

As God desired to bless Abraham, so He desires to bless us, and what more blessing could we have than to have children that love the Lord! Each child has a different personality. So as we try to mesh—that's mesh, not mash—these lives so that they can live together, we'll find that we need an abundance of many things. The love and wisdom of God is a must; also a prayer life, patience, a listening ear, a quiet tongue, discipline, ambition, a good sense of humor, and the list could go on.

Our examples, as we live our lives before our children, will go far in their acceptance of those things we will try to teach them. Their lives will reflect in turn how abundantly we have lived.—Mrs. Richard Leek, Elkhart, Ind., WMC (Taken from *District Gazette*, the Indiana District WMC publication)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — AUGUST 1971

AFRICA—

- Dr. Floyd W. Taber August 16
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Miss Ruth Kent August 21
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Dr. J. P. Kliever August 21
B. P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa.
Mr. R. Bruce Paden August 26
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA—

- Rev. Clark W. Miller August 18
Bartolome Mitre 2370, Jose Marmol, F.C.G.R., Pcia de Bs. As.,
Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

- Rev. Bill A. Burk August 5
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
Mrs. George A. Johnson August 10
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
Kevin Wayne Wallace August 19, 1965
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

EUROPE—

- Terry Lee Julien August 27, 1959
30, rue Gambetta, 71—Macon, France.

MEXICO—

- Phillip Valdo Guereña August 10, 1959
Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D. F., Mexico.
Rev. Jack B. Churchill August 20
2758 Caulfield Drive, Imperial Beach, California 92032.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

- Rev. Ernest H. Bearinger August 6
P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
Mrs. F. George Peters August 10
c/o First Brethren Church, Box 1, Wooster, Ohio 44691.
Mrs. Robert H. Juday August 18
c/o Mr. Rex Juday, Route 1, 35447 Ash Road, Osceola, Indiana
46561.
Jeffrey Carl Farner August 20, 1967
c/o Rev. Donald W. Farner, Route 1, Telford, Tennessee 37690.
Lynette Marie Cover August 21, 1959
236 W. Beverly Place, Tracy, California 95376.
Miss Elizabeth Tyson August 25
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL

Christ, the giver of life to all, went one step further for the believer—He provided life “*more* abundantly.” By faith a sinner accepts Christ; by faith he must follow Christ. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2). The claim to the more abundant life of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance is ours as we permit the Holy Spirit to perfect God’s will in our daily lives.

How can one know God’s will? Just as the spacecraft has a flight plan, so God has a plan and purpose for every life. The Apollo flights did not roam the heavens at random, but every detail was carefully planned and followed. Thus it is with our life. God has a particular purpose and plan for every

born-again believer. Psalm 37:23—“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.”

The engineers carefully constructed a guidance system for the spacecraft. The guidance system for the Christian is provided by Almighty God. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Prov. 3:5-6).

The commander of the spaceship depends on the guidance system to guide him to his destination in outer space to accomplish the pre-planned mission. How important it is that the Christian trust in a never, never failing guidance system—Almighty God—to accomplish his mission of winning souls—“... he that winneth souls is wise.”

Once God’s will and purpose has been settled in your life, follow the course with care. Be prepared to face the difficulties by being faithful in Bible study. “Give attendance to read-

By
Zelda
Boyd,
Southeast
District
WMC
President



ing...” (I Tim. 4:13). Meditate on God’s Word wherein His will is revealed. Be faithful in prayer—the power supply of a Christian.

Each mission into space has been plagued by problems. Some were minor, others were of major proportions. These obstacles, however, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the commander and crew. Instead, it was a challenge to overcome these difficulties. Satan will surely see to it that we are confronted with obstacles along the way. Accept the challenge and trust God to overcome the difficult situations. “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

There were not more than three men in a spacecraft at one time. However, at the manned space center, the crews were supported by hundreds of their co-workers. Through every phase of the mission, these co-workers stood by willing to assist should a problem arise. Every born-again believer needs to know a fellow Christian is praying, and “backing him up” in the mission of living a dedicated life, and in the mission of winning souls for Christ. Fellowship one with another is a great source of strength and encouragement.

As man walked on the moon, he was confident his equipment would provide the life-giving oxygen that his body needed to perform the tasks that were before him. Thus it is, a Christian must exercise this confidence, this faith, to accomplish God’s mission as he walks down the pathway of life. Utter dependence upon God for strength, wisdom, and courage is essential in the ministry of witnessing to a lost and dying world.

Is your will God’s will? “... not willing ... any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

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The Tabers are
busy in Africa

We recently received a letter from the Floyd Tabers in the Central African Republic. As the letter began "Dear Ones in the Lord," my thoughts flected back to their last furlough.

One of the blessings we have is living across the street from Bethany home, one of our missionary residences in Winona Lake. Because of this it has been our privilege to become better acquainted with furloughing missionaries. It was at this time that "Grandma" and "Grandpa" Taber (as our children fondly remember them) found a special place in our hearts. We had some wonderful times of fellowship with them and we cer-

tainly missed them when they returned to the field. We enjoy so much their letters from Africa and would like to share with you highlights from a recent letter as to their work on this field.

Mrs. Taber writes that with her busy schedule she manages to "keep out of mischief most of the time." She has written and prepared visual aids for a course she is teaching at the Elementary Bible Schools. Enjoyment is gained for her through working with a small group of African children in the area of music. Never does she miss an opportunity of presenting the Gospel and allows time to give a Bible

lesson and sometimes verses to learn—she says they seem to enjoy it as they continue to come back. She asks that we pray for these boys and girls that they might trust the Lord in *all* they do and think and say.

Dr. Taber has been preparing tracts to be used in personal work in the hospital. He is also teaching several courses to the two most advanced medics-in-training.

We praise and thank God for these faithful missionaries and ask your continued prayers as they serve at the medical center in Boguila.—*Mrs. Kenneth Rucker, editor*



Have You Heard?

Our WMC women deserve a very big THANK YOU. Why? The answer is that this past year, for the first time, we went over our goal in the Operation and Publication Expenses Offering. We praise and thank God for this victory and for each district and person who had a part in making this possible.

This month begins our emphasis period for the Operation and Publication Expenses Offering once again. Our goal is \$4,500. Ladies, we know we can go over the top but we need each one of your prayers and all of your support. Join with me in meeting the challenge once again.—*Mrs. Kenneth Rucker, editor*

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*Watch therefore: for ye know not
what hour your Lord doth come.*

(Matthew 24:42)

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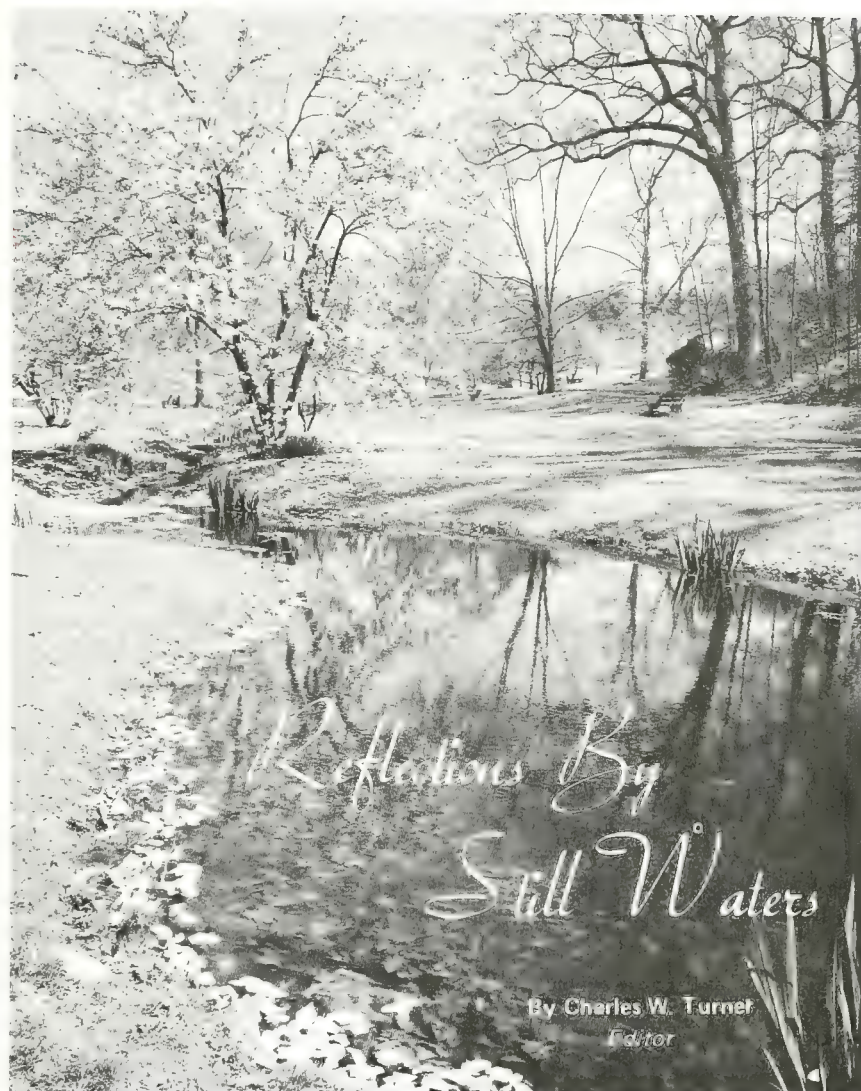
Thoughts on Property Rights

The first long holiday weekend of the summer is Memorial Day. It calls for all types of activities including the first picnic of the summer or perhaps the excitement of a camping trip. To others, it is a reminder that there is a need to do some work around the house. I chose the latter course for my Memorial Day "Holiday" and made sufficient preparation by purchasing some paint and grass seed. The weather kindly obliged—so there was not an excuse I could find to prevent the obvious.

With paint and ladder I proceeded to work on the trim on my house. I was soon joined in the project by an interested visitor. She followed me as I painted the trim on one side of the house. I was soon to find out that her interest was more than academic, and her curiosity was deeper than discovering my talents in this particular trade. Her constant chatter should have been a clue to what was to come. As the ladder neared the corner of the house, Mrs. Robin's voice and actions became much more animated. Her family had a home nearby and her small children, not yet ready for their experiences in the outside world, were safe at home. That is—until I showed up to disturb their tranquility.

After she had made several passes at my head I felt that our relationship was deteriorating very rapidly. What had started as a friendly little conversation was now ending in a dispute over property rights. My first reaction was a desire to produce my mortgage payment book as evidence of my rights to do to my house as I saw fit. To improve its appearance was a right that fell well within my privilege. She was an intruder on my property. To me she was completely "off limits." Her actions were uncalled for. Reason quickly told me that she was not open to any such logic, so today there are several green spots where there should be a new gold trim.

As I descended the ladder and washed up my brushes and myself the thought came to me of a spiritual



application for the day's experiences. As God's children we have been purchased with His blood and He has full right of ownership. The Bible clearly teaches that we are His as far as our entire being is concerned—body, soul and spirit. There are times when intruders into our lives take up residence within our hearts and minds. They may on the surface be unobjectional intruders but they tend to desire to take over our lives and claim ownership in areas that really belong to God. Such things as the cares of this world and our own personal ambitions, and even time-consuming habits that distract from our devotion to Him and His work. They are rather like the birds that make their nests in our lives and are not easily rooted out. In fact, we even hesitate to root them out because they just don't seem to be all that bad for us.

The term "property rights" involves an understanding as to who owns what. God has spiritual property rights to your life if you are a Christian and it may be well at times to ask whether or not there are some intruders into His domain, not your domain, but His. Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 6:19: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

Mrs. Robin stayed—and an area of my house went unpainted. This may be all right from my concern with nature and her family and I feel good that I did it this way. But it is a poor practice from the viewpoint of the spiritual. There are probably many unpainted corners of our lives left undone because we have permitted an intruder to stay longer than we should.

The Giant Is Sick

By Lester E. Pifer

No segment of the human race ever lived in such a catastrophic era as do the people of this United States. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in his current article "The Barbarians Are Coming" says, "We live in the twilight of a great civilization, amid the deepening decline of modern culture. Those strange beast empires of the books of Daniel and Revelation seem already to be stalking and sprawling over the surface of the earth. Only the experimental success of modern science hides from us the dread terminal illness of our increasingly technological civilization."

America's populous, a pleasure-minded, materialistic people, have their eyes glued to the communication media, their minds being entertained as they are drawn into a sweet oblivion of apparent progress and prosperity—unaware that the basic fabric of the nation is being torn apart. With eyes fixed upon the moon we have not been able to comprehend the problems and effectively cope with our youth rebellion, moral decay, and enemy infiltration. We quote from Russell Kirk in his "Enemies of the Permanent Things": "The fountains of the great deep seem to be broken up in our time. Institutions that have endured for a millennium are awash, and the surly question before us is whether the whole fabric of civilization can survive the present rate of economics and social alteration."

The institutions which in the past gave to our nation standards of morality, honesty, integrity and equality, have either come apart at the seams because of their own infidelity or been severely attacked as "the establishment." The product of the educational process was once respected for leadership in building a greater America but today that product too often would tear down and destroy those ingredients which made our nation. In the past, education was fostered by Christian institutions and principles. Today, a great preponderance of anti-God philosophy prevails.

How can we sing, "America—land of the free, home of the brave," when the thunder of guns echoes in our ghettos, when pollution threatens our health, when robbers daily steal your car, your money, and the furniture from your home? How can we sing of the "free" and the "brave" when it is not safe to walk on America's streets day or night, when pornographic and entertainment agencies whip our people into sinful lust, and when the bulwark of police protection is all too often hamstrung by a tangled, complacent, judicial system?

Spiritually, we have been deluged by an anti-Christ philosophy of a dead God, a mythical Christ and a fictitious Bible. Apostate unbelieving teachers have extolled the virtues of human reason over divine revelation, moral liberty apart from the Biblical code causing a swift relapse into paganism. Apostasy, skepticism and unbelief reign in much of the Christian realm. Charles E. Bennet, congressman from Florida, said, "Man's problems today are not so much with the new atom as with the old Adam!"

It is difficult to predict what shall become of the "big giant" known as the most powerful nation of earth. Seemingly, the enemy of our souls and our nation has lulled us into a terminal sleep; if not a sleep, then a complacency from which we are not willing to arise. Dr. John Walvoord says, "Although conclusions concerning the role of America in prophecy in the end time are necessarily tentative, the scriptural evidence is sufficient to conclude that America in that day will not be a major power and apparently does not figure largely in either the political, economic, or religious aspects of the world." What a tragedy that so great a nation, built so solidly upon Biblical truth could now become useless in its influence for God in this world. It so vividly points up the deadly manifestation of the sinful nature, the enormous power of the devil and miserable failure of a weak church.

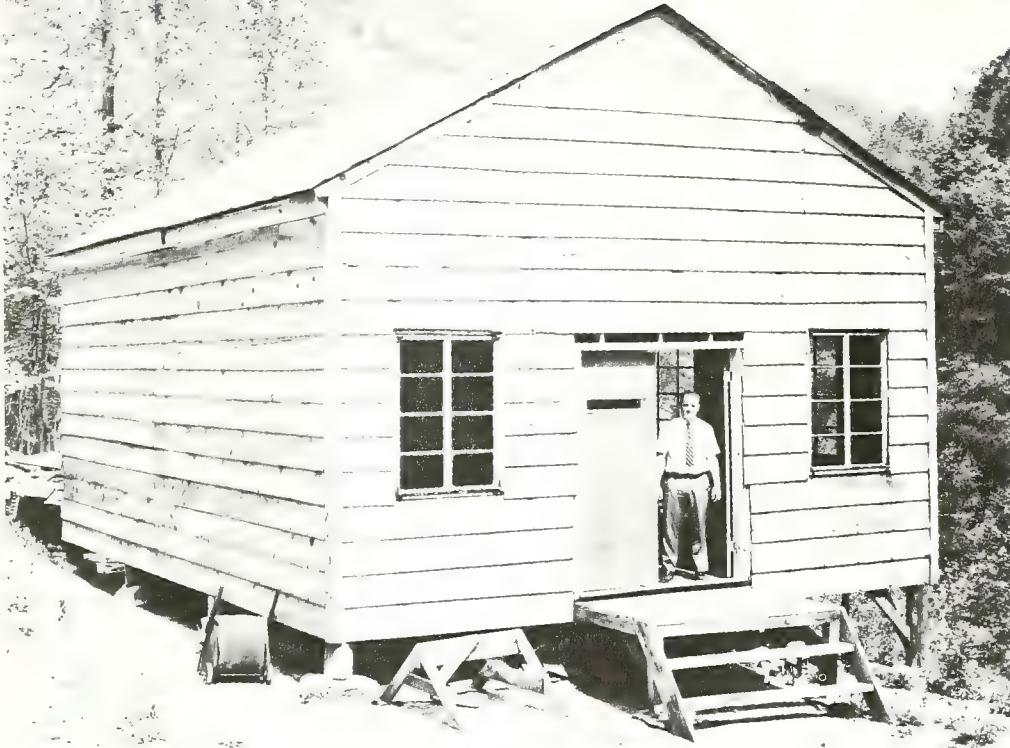
John McCandlish Phillips, a Christian re-

porter for the *New York Times*, says, "Will the Christians please stand up!" In drawing a comparison he points out that a few communists can enslave thousands with their bold aggressiveness. If Christians were as aggressive and bold with their Truth, they could have reached the whole world with the Gospel. Christians need to stand up for the Word of God, for Christ, and to share the message of the Gospel.

The Apostle Paul gives the proper code of Christian conduct: "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life..." (Phil. 2:15-16). The Christian's conduct is to be without reproach, a positive testimony of God's redeeming grace in human flesh. Further, he is to stand for the truth, bearing it as a light before this sin darkened world.

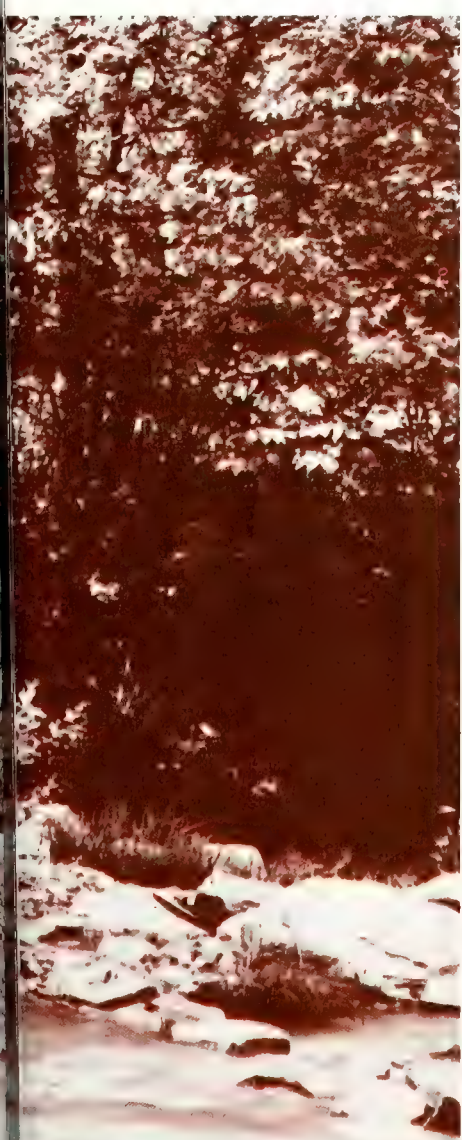
The Apostle challenged the complacent Corinthians, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (I Cor. 15:34). The Christian cannot allow himself to be lulled into a state of sinful stagnation. He cannot become a part of a compromising, unbelieving people. He must stand up for Christ. He must hold high the Word of God. He must obey its truth and demonstrate its power in life. He must fulfill God's purpose in reaching those who do not have a knowledge of God—the lost of the world. He must see America as a prepared mission field!

America is staggering and reeling under the fierce blows of anti-Christ forces. A confused, smitten nation needs the Christ who can save from sin. What a glorious opportunity for the child of God to evangelize, to share in an end-time revival, before the King of kings returns. America can have revival, salvation and God's blessing. Repentance, confession and reconciliation to God through Christ is the only way. It is our Christian opportunity to minister to the spiritual sickness of our nation. ☛



Above: The new Elkhorn branch building. At right: The Asher building. Below: A new multi-purpose vehicle was purchased for the mission by the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.





News -- Bad and Good From Dryhill

By Rev. Marvin Lowery
Pastor, Dryhill, Kentucky

Hyden, Kentucky. "Hurricane Creek mine explosion traps thirty-eight miners." This was the bad news that flashed around the world on Wednesday, December 30, 1970. This mine owned by the Finley Coal Company is located in Leslie County and not far removed from the Dryhill Chapel and Hyden, a small town of eight hundred that instantly became well known.

Our first concern was whether anyone from our congregation might be directly involved. After many phone calls and contacts we were relieved to find there were none directly involved, but emotionally everyone was involved. At the dinner table that evening the appetites seemed to have disappeared as the fate of the miners was not known at that time.

The Dryhill prayer meeting that evening was permeated with discussion on the explosion with every possible theory offered as to the cause and chances of survival of the men. Needless to say, the prayer request on every lip was for the miners and their families. Immediately upon dismissal of the prayer service two men with transistor radios turned them on and the first words we heard were, "*I repeat: all thirty-eight men trapped in the Hurricane Creek mine have been found dead.*" Everyone just sat stunned, not wanting to believe what we had just heard, but down deep we had all felt it was the bad news we would probably hear.

Later in the evening, families of the miners began gathering at a church in Hyden. Here they waited for the bodies of their loved ones to be recovered and identified. Help was needed to provide these wives, mothers, children and friends with food, therefore, several of our ladies joined with a helping hand to do what-

ever they could. As we spent the long, long night with those dear people who were grief stricken and in a state of shock over the loss of loved ones, we observed the look of hopelessness upon their faces and our hearts went out to them. Some women cried, "I'll never see him again" or "He's gone forever." And when positive identification was made and the coroner called out the names there was wailing that seemed to come from the very depth of their souls. This reminded me of what the Word of God says about those people separated eternally from God "weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth." It was a never-to-be-forgotten night and I pray we never do forget it.

The "good news" is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the program here at Dryhill Grace Brethren Chapel uses many methods to reach people. Two Good News Clubs meet weekly, one here at Dryhill and the other at Asher's branch. An older boys' club and girls' club meet here weekly. The boys do woodwork in their well-equipped shop and the girls are learning to crochet. Two recently saved ladies help with the girls' work.

We have two groups of young people, with the one here at Dryhill meeting every week, and one group meeting every two weeks at Elkhorn. The meetings consist of quizzing, devotions, games, and of course refreshments. Every week more than six boxes of cake mixes are used in preparing cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and so forth.

The Grace Brethren Chapel has taken on the role of "mother church" in branching out with a work about fifteen miles back in the mountains in a community known locally as Elkhorn. To give you an idea of the area, we live in lower "Hell-for-Certain"



The Lowery family

(that's about as low as you get) and to get to Elkhorn we must travel through upper "Hell-for-Certain," then cross over "Devil's Jump." How's that for a route to church? We accepted this Elkhorn challenge when the people there were anxious for someone to come and teach them the Word of God and there was no church in the area. We hold services there every Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Elkhorn work began in a school building which later burned to the ground. This did not discourage the people—for they joined together, donating land, lumber, time, talents and money to erect a beautiful new building which has been dedicated to the Lord. The dedication took place on Easter Sunday and in that service one lady came forward to accept Christ as her Saviour. A young man has been saved recently and is waiting baptism. The blessings have been great in this new branch work.

From our description you can imagine the trip to Elkhorn is no easy one. In fact, it takes a four-wheel drive vehicle to reach it. The East District WMC provided the funds for a used four-wheel drive Jeep Waggoner. This vehicle has been used in getting the work well under way but with the hard useage over the muddy and

rutted mountain "roads" it finally had to be retired with a "blown" motor. A vehicle of this type is necessary and we just asked the Lord to provide for this need.

Just before last Christmas, four men from the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, came down for what turned out to be a twenty-four hour visit. At that time we just couldn't understand why anyone would drive that far for such a short stay. Now we know! God sent them! These men saw our need and went back to their home church and started talking about it. The result was that the Lord's people supplied the need and provided the work here with a brand new four-wheel drive Carryall ready for delivery on Easter Sunday. This was really fast work, but we have a wonderful God—One who knows and cares about our every need. When His people are open to His leading, great things can be accomplished.

It isn't always *easy* to reach our people with the message of hope. Besides the mountain roads to contend with, we occasionally have floods. Returning home recently from a trip to Pennsylvania we found the road in front of our house covered with

several feet of water. It was 3 a.m. and with a great desire to get home and have some rest we pulled off our shoes, each of us carried one of our little girls as we waded waist-deep water. We made it safely even if we did just about freeze to death!

Whether traveling muddy roads, wading water, walking swinging bridges, or whatever comes in our path it is our desire to tell others about Christ. It is our prayer that the hopeless looks of those miners' families will always be before our eyes and the cries will ring in our ears to make us more diligent in presenting the only hope—the Lord Jesus—to our Kentucky people.

We deeply appreciate all that has been done for us by the WMC, SMM, churches and individuals to further the Lord's work here. We are also deeply grateful to the Brethren Home Missions Council who has stood by in every way through the years. We are thankful for the concern for the folks of this area, and although there will likely never be much of a financial return on the great investment, there will be those enjoying everlasting life in heaven because of the vision of Brethren Home Missions.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED AT HAGERSTOWN GBC

April 18, 1971 marked a great spiritual victory in the ministry at Grace Brethren in Hagerstown. By faith the congregation had assumed a project of providing two mission vehicles to be given to two missionary couples from this church.

The mobile units were sitting on the lawn in front of the church. The missionary couples, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery from Dryhill, Kentucky; and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ropp serving in Haiti, were present. The morning services were well attended with about a thousand people present. Following the message delivered by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, the congregation gathered on the lawn and in the street in front of the church. The local radio station carried the entire morning service on the air. The T.V. station also had a mobile unit present to get the news coverage. Dr. Robert Collitt led in the dedication and presentation of the missionary vehicles. He announced that the goal for the Dryhill unit, which had cost \$4,500, had been exceeded by \$900. This balance also was being given to install a new concrete drive into the mission.

The Grace church of Hagerstown, a former home-mission church, has sent men on a number of occasions to the Dryhill mission to help in construction and repair work. They have annually underwritten Pastor Lowery's salary. This is the second vehicle they have presented to the mission. This year they gave almost \$12,000 in the Home Mission Offering. We certainly congratulate Dr. Collitt and his fine congregation on their continued growth, their missionary gifts and outreach, and their many hours of labor donated to the Dryhill mission.—LEP

Time and again my heart thrilled as I heard of Gentiles coming to faith in Christ as they were presented the Gospel on first contact and brought to a decision for Christ. Could this happen to Jewish souls who had so many other barriers than Gentiles to overcome in accepting Christ as Saviour, God and Messiah? How my heart longed to see this occur.

In my contacts I always sought to give them the Gospel. Even after good conversations and wonderful discussions, so few were willing to say yes to Christ.

Upon several occasions, the last time at our Home Missions Workshop at Modesto, Ron Picard presented one method of presenting the Gospel through specific Scriptures. Another thing he stressed was that of asking permission to pray with the person even after the acceptance of Christ had been refused. For experience and better understanding, I called one

willing to believe in the heart and confess with the mouth.

Several weeks later I was again in A—'s home. She had quite a knowledge of the New Testament. I commented on this, thinking that she must have acquired it over a period of years. However, it has been since attending our classes that she has earnestly studied the Bible. As we discussed the Word, she referred to Christ a number of times as God. I brought this to her attention. She did not deny but when asked again to make a decision said that she needed to think more about it.

Calling door to door one morning, Mrs. N— invited me into her home. She was quite upset for her husband was in the hospital. He had just been removed from the intensive care ward after suffering two heart attacks. She realized that he had just narrowly escaped death. This opened the discussion to the hope of life after death.

shared her trip with us through photographs.

Using the trip as an opportunity to witness, I told her that there was another trip that all of us would have to make one day—a trip out of this world. This trip too required preparation. Had she made reservations for heaven? Would she permit me from the Bible to show her how she could be assured of heaven? She was willing, and again the Gospel was presented from Isaiah and Romans.

She was asked if she would like to accept Christ. She said that she did not want to at this time but that she probably would sometime. She did consent to my having a word of prayer. I prayed that she might fully understand the truth that she had heard and that she might make her decision then. Asking her again in the middle of the prayer, she said, "I guess so!" As we helped her, she asked Christ to come into her heart.

Even if they do not accept Christ . . .

Prayer Never Hurts

By Isobel Fraser

Western Messianic Testimony

afternoon with him.

In a few days I had lunch with two Jewesses who attend our Thursday Bible class. The conversation was led to that of a spiritual nature. Jewish people use the terms of "Gentile" and "Christian" interchangeably. We are constantly trying to help them understand the difference. I asked them if I might show them from the Bible what a true Christian is. Using Scriptures in Isaiah and Romans, the Gospel was presented to them. When asked if they would like to accept Christ, both declined. I then asked if I might pray for them. A— replied that prayer never hurts. After praying that they might truly understand God's love for them and who Christ is, I stopped in my prayer and asked again if they would ask Christ into their hearts. "I could say it with my mouth but I don't believe it in my heart," A— answered. I concluded the prayer and then told them how they could ask Christ to save them at any time when they were

I asked if I might show her from the Bible how we could be assured of heaven. She was willing, and the Gospel and its blessed hope were presented from Isaiah and Romans. Though she was not ready to accept Christ, she did permit me to pray for her. "My mind is too confused right now to grasp these things," was her reply. She too was shown how she could call upon the Lord for salvation at any time.

Mrs. G— was an acquaintance of one of the members of the Community Brethren Church of Los Angeles. It had been many years since she had seen her but just recently she had learned that Mrs. G— was a neighbor of another member of the church. One Tuesday evening at their WIN (Witnessing In the Neighborhood) time, we called on this dear Jewess. She was very friendly and glad to again see her friend. In the conversation Mrs. G— told us about her wonderful opportunity to take a trip to Israel and

As we talked further we showed her the need of openly confessing Christ as God, Saviour and Messiah. She was invited to church the following Sunday and told how she could make her public confession. She promised to come and do so. When she was contacted on Saturday, it was learned that she was ill, but the prayer chain went to work. Sunday morning she did attend the service but she was not ready to make that public commitment. Her family was the problem.

The Gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). May its power be felt in the life of each one with whom you have shared. May they become "completed Jews," openly confessing and living for Christ, their God, Saviour and Messiah.

NOTE: Since the writing of this article, A— has received Jesus Christ as her God, Saviour and Messiah.

COMPARATIVE OFFERING REPORT

The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana

April 1, 1969—March 31, 1970 and April 1, 1970—March 31, 1971

The gifts included in this report represent General Fund, Jewish Missions, National Missions, and all other funds designated for any phase of Brethren Home Missions. Gifts designated for local projects, district missions, and other work extraneous to The Brethren Home Missions Council are not included.

ALLEGHENY	1969-70	1970-71
Accident, Md.	\$ 10.00	\$ 45.00
Aleppo, Pa.	267.32	434.71
Coolville, Ohio	414.10	175.18
Cumberland, Md. . . .	334.41	773.60
Grafton, W. Va.	537.24	548.61
Jenners, Pa.	1,666.17	2,184.72
Listie, Pa.	864.50	893.89
Meyersdale, Pa.	2,044.20	2,002.06
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	1,376.46	1,140.20
Parkersburg, W. Va. . .	1,272.13	997.25
Pittsburgh, Pa.	432.35	455.00
Somerset, Pa.	825.84	76.85
Stoystown, Pa.	194.05	195.42
Uniontown, Pa.	1,514.63	1,427.75
Washington, Pa.	1,987.20	1,282.79
Westernport, Md. . . .	206.60	334.89
District	40.00	335.87
Total	\$13,987.20	\$13,303.79

EAST		
Altoona, Pa. (First) . .	1,001.35	1,106.10
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) . .	374.40	730.25
Conemaugh, Pa.	2,209.21	1,701.79
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	2,679.14	2,870.15
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	1,661.45	2,016.98
Duncansville, Pa. . . .	1,178.11	939.50
Everett, Pa.	1,437.37	1,117.63
Greensburg, Pa.	26.00	363.71
Hollidaysburg, Pa. . . .	265.00	1,870.83
Hopewell, Pa.	90.00	142.00
Indiana, Pa.	---	5.00
Jefferson Center, Pa. . .	3.89	84.74
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	4,413.55	4,040.40
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	447.90	355.44
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	2,107.22	1,932.94
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	5,371.18	6,526.98
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	328.39	368.31
Martinsburg, Pa.	3,249.02	4,306.30
District	750.36	915.56
Total	\$27,593.54	\$31,394.61

FLORIDA		
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . .	4,404.52	6,193.70
Fort Myers, Fla.	170.75	400.50
Maitland, Fla.	484.00	490.30
Margate, Fla.	577.95	876.04
Okeechobee, Fla.	51.00	260.00
Pompano Beach, Fla. . . .	2,741.65	1,389.62
St. Petersburg, Fla. . . .	45.00	404.95
District	35.00	242.00
Total	\$ 8,509.87	\$10,257.11

INDIANA		
Berne, Ind.	5,676.84	5,087.27
Clay City, Ind.	703.25	1,200.60
Elkhart, Ind.	4,602.57	6,159.10
Flora, Ind.	1,996.26	2,073.27
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	4,631.32	5,110.86
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	580.00	978.91
Goshen, Ind.	497.40	496.30
Indianapolis, Ind.	1,157.54	1,092.90
Kokomo, Ind.	1,513.54	1,521.02
Leesburg, Ind.	1,036.41	1,795.66
Osceola, Ind.	3,828.30	2,370.07
Peru, Ind.	1,419.50	2,035.77

Sidney, Ind.	1,356.43	1,466.48
South Bend, Ind.	1,052.60	1,128.70
Warsaw, Ind.	1,617.05	1,332.23
Wheaton, Ill.	322.00	485.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	5,712.97	8,017.49
District	212.92	682.00
Total	\$37,916.90	\$43,033.63

IOWA		
Cedar Rapids, Iowa . . .	661.40	325.50
Dallas Center, Iowa . . .	2,650.40	2,547.65
Davenport, Iowa	988.91	1,146.91
Des Moines, Iowa	64.00	97.50
Garwin, Iowa	592.50	796.14
Leon, Iowa	1,630.26	2,095.50
North English, Iowa . . .	98.00	91.00
Omaha, Nebr.	225.70	71.00
Waterloo, Iowa	6,178.39	6,183.84
Winona, Minn.	17.00	33.00
District	203.00	212.00
Total	\$13,309.56	\$13,600.04

MICHIGAN		
Alto, Mich.	609.60	807.30
Berrien Springs, Mich. . .	5.00	100.00
Hastings, Mich.	10.00	34.00
Jackson, Mich.	425.50	258.07
Lake Odessa, Mich.	846.80	1,213.00
Lansing, Mich.	574.07	376.22
New Troy, Mich.	743.00	539.10
Trout Lake, Mich.	174.00	337.28
District	35.00	30.00
Total	\$ 3,422.97	\$ 3,694.97

MID-ATLANTIC		
Alexandria, Va.	668.75	728.25
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	3,357.57	3,035.57
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	621.47	573.21
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	11,903.04	11,965.24
Hanover, Pa.	186.47	238.67
Martinsburg, W. Va. . . .	1,016.30	1,227.06
Seven Fountains, Va. . . .	7.00	108.00
Washington, D.C. (First)	5,101.48	2,088.97
Washington, D.C. (Grace)	973.19	1,769.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	3,130.24	4,302.57
Winchester, Va.	3,970.57	4,673.96
District	203.21	50.00
Total	\$31,139.29	\$30,760.50

MIDWEST		
Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Grace)	471.62	251.64
Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)	---	119.10
Arvada, Colo.	810.12	420.09
Beaver City, Nebr.	925.52	311.30
Cheyenne, Wyo.	71.00	436.15
Colorado Springs, Colo.	---	30.80
Counselor, N. Mex.	313.42	719.68
Denver, Colo.	685.00	824.25
Longview, Tex.	150.00	170.00
Portis, Kans.	2,312.53	2,468.63
Taos, N. Mex.	550.10	500.00
District	871.44	553.00
Total	\$ 7,160.75	\$ 6,804.64

NORTHERN ATLANTIC		
Allentown, Pa.	180.59	1,121.78
Elizabethtown, Pa.	1,081.10	1,300.10
Harrisburg, Pa.	4,476.85	5,320.22

Hatboro, Pa.	1,636.76	1,908.13
Lancaster, Pa.	6,007.45	3,446.50
Lititz, Pa.	---	156.50
Manheim, Pa.	458.54	1,028.75
Myerstown, Pa.	1,054.80	1,167.24
New Holland, Pa.	3,250.85	3,868.32
Palmyra, Pa.	1,514.74	1,007.76
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	5,908.73	5,656.90
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	6,594.40	5,972.48
Souderton, Pa.	1,196.00	1,057.00
Stratford, N.J.	11.00	52.00
Wrightsville, Pa.	877.32	1,904.60
York, Pa.	1,287.41	1,378.82
District	60.00	15.00
Total	\$35,596.54	\$36,362.10

NOR-CAL		
Chico, Calif.	187.00	547.00
Grass Valley, Calif. . . .	231.98	123.01
Modesto, Calif. (Greenwood)	618.50	549.00
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	3,068.89	3,148.60
Ripon, Calif.	628.40	471.50
Sacramento, Calif.	242.36	868.46
San Jose, Calif.	931.52	1,175.18
Tracy, Calif.	65.00	26.00
Total	\$ 5,973.65	\$ 6,908.75

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO		
Ankenytown, Ohio	2,235.20	3,465.81
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	2,701.65	2,886.68
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	1,386.77	1,890.32
Bowling Green, Ohio . . .	92.25	50.70
Danville, Ohio	1,148.81	1,144.63
Defiance, Ohio	139.12	279.62
Findlay, Ohio	1,374.79	1,241.36
Fremont, Ohio (Chapel)	---	58.90
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	4,277.55	4,275.79
Galion, Ohio	198.97	134.13
Lexington, Ohio	468.00	500.73
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	5,491.60	4,166.40
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	1,829.75	2,041.00
Worthington, Ohio	1,685.43	2,872.86
District	121.00	144.00
Total	\$23,150.89	\$25,152.93

NORTHEASTERN OHIO		
Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	1,270.04	523.61
Akron, Ohio (First)	1,461.50	1,482.85
Barberton, Ohio	687.39	475.01
Canton, Ohio	3,146.23	3,514.25
Cleveland, Ohio	701.75	959.75
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio . . .	761.00	513.45
Elyria, Ohio	935.54	750.70
Homerville, Ohio	2,619.02	3,156.32
Middlebranch, Ohio	2,206.50	686.00
Minerva, Ohio	262.15	239.00
Rittman, Ohio	3,184.04	2,662.12
Sterling, Ohio	850.50	683.45
Wooster, Ohio	8,496.01	7,056.92
District	1,068.23	775.00
Total	\$27,649.90	\$23,478.43

NORTHWEST		
Albany, Oreg.	650.00	668.00
Beaverton, Oreg.	365.37	167.40
Grandview, Wash.	895.08	1,052.12
Harrah, Wash.	258.90	284.10
Kenai, Alaska	25.50	354.00
Kent, Wash.	1,684.86	1,334.49
Mabton, Wash.	530.94	672.64
Portland, Oreg.	791.54	1,146.61
Richland, Wash.	230.05	344.72
Spokane, Wash.	297.10	241.25
Sunnyside, Wash.	6,796.47	8,620.94
Toppenish, Wash.	999.00	1,107.50
Yakima, Wash.	511.63	525.83
District	10.00	13.00
Total	\$14,046.44	\$16,532.60

SOUTHEAST

Atlanta, Ga.	321.50	589.35
Boones Mill, Va. . .	75.00	75.00
Buena Vista, Va. . .	1,142.17	1,323.41
Covington, Va. . . .	1,247.75	1,724.80
Hollins, Va.	2,311.97	1,664.49
Johnson City, Tenn.	894.78	646.65
Radford, Va.	221.00	155.75
Richmond, Va. . . .	91.50	---
Riner, Va.	227.30	133.90
Roanoke, Va.		
(Clearbrook)	1,288.30	352.00
Roanoke, Va.		
(Garden City) . . .	10.00	291.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,189.15	2,659.00
Roanoke, Va.		
(Wash. Heights) . .	564.45	518.25
Sanford, N.C.	---	42.00
Telford, Tenn. . . .	639.97	506.74
Virginia Beach, Va. .	156.00	165.45
Willis, Va.	20.00	25.00
District	377.15	2,197.72
Total	\$11,777.99	\$13,070.51

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA

Anaheim, Calif. . .	1,041.45	644.50
Artesia, Calif. . . .		
(Lakewood)	138.12	8.87
Beaumont, Calif. . .	3,889.87	3,120.41
Bell, Calif.	316.10	461.00
Bellflower, Calif. . .	3,073.48	3,406.26
Cypress, Calif. . . .	468.00	550.15
Fillmore, Calif. . . .	124.00	114.20
Gardena, Calif. . . .	558.70	95.00
Glendale, Calif. . . .	1,257.52	2,133.10
Grand Terrace, Calif.	132.88	112.68
Hacienda Heights, Calif.	33.70	87.92
Inglewood, Calif. . .	5,784.83	---
La Habra, Calif. . . .	972.69	1,215.11
La Verne, Calif. . . .	655.50	1,010.76
Long Beach, Calif. .		
(Community)	1,501.96	1,525.81
Long Beach, Calif. .		
(First)	17,959.42	14,978.13
Long Beach, Calif. .		
(Los Altos)	2,160.31	2,047.63
Long Beach, Calif. .		
(North)	9,745.37	18,931.35
Los Angeles, Calif. .	2,024.65	1,872.66
Montclair, Calif. . .	835.32	533.77
Norwalk, Calif. . . .	1,649.68	1,500.20
Orange, Calif.	1,368.95	1,308.83
Phoenix, Ariz.		
(Grace)	1,877.21	1,257.00
Phoenix, Ariz.		
(Northwest)	---	215.47
Rialto, Calif.	853.94	593.74
Rowland Heights, Calif.	23.50	147.55
San Bernardino, Calif.	982.59	1,320.95
San Diego, Calif. . .	260.75	225.17
San Ysidro, Calif. . .	4.00	---
Santa Barbara, Calif.	183.25	108.78
Santa Maria, Calif. .	241.80	114.66
Seal Beach, Calif. . .	438.94	547.72
Simi, Calif.	138.78	340.56
South Pasadena, Calif.	517.86	755.23
Temple City, Calif. .	596.30	484.75
Tucson, Ariz.	218.25	214.50
West Covina, Calif. .	549.60	578.77
Westminster, Calif. ,	1,322.45	1,907.42
Whittier, Calif. . . .		
(Community)	2,879.25	2,361.40
Whittier, Calif. (First)	911.69	2,115.85
District	1,110.43	3,527.31
Total	\$68,803.09	\$72,475.17

SOUTHERN OHIO

Brookville, Ohio . .	870.85	819.75
Camden, Ohio. . . .	346.15	571.41
Clayhole, Ky.	170.13	113.00
Clayton, Ohio. . . .	837.22	725.50
Covington, Ohio . .	317.86	268.55
Dayton, Ohio		
(Basore Road) . . .	337.75	213.50
Dayton, Ohio		
(First)	11,762.89	11,111.57
Dayton, Ohio		
(Huber Heights) . .	10.00	254.85

Dayton, Ohio		
(North Riverdale)	4,067.98	3,605.17
Dayton, Ohio		
(Patterson Park) . .	477.00	1,206.15
Dryhill, Ky.	421.88	440.31
Elkhorn, Ky.	---	100.00
Englewood, Ohio . .	552.80	623.00
Kettering, Ohio . . .	394.38	471.21
Trotwood, Ohio. . .	1,595.02	1,346.69
Troy, Ohio	348.44	817.00
Vandalia, Ohio . . .	1,135.50	711.50
West Alexandria, Ohio		
.	279.52	366.51
Union, Ohio	---	953.94
District	3.00	260.00
Total	\$23,928.37	\$24,979.61

TOTAL CHURCH

GIFTS	\$353,966.95	\$371,809.39
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OTHER GIFTS

Christian Education		
Department	270.00	---
Grace Chapel		
Hawaii	226.75	216.20
Puerto Rico	130.10	21.30
National WMC . . .	12,041.36	13,136.71
National SMM . . .	825.06	115.80
Miscellaneous . . .	3,847.06	3,025.17
Total	\$17,340.33	\$16,515.18

GRAND TOTAL \$371,307.28

\$388,324.57

The Slide Rule Shows ...

By Frank J. Poland



The 1970-71 fiscal year church offerings to Brethren Home Missions is up 4.58 percent over the previous year. This is an increase of \$17,017 for a new all-time record of \$388,324. It also broke a six-year pattern of alternating increases and decreases. For these blessings we thank the Lord.

The "other" income for the same period fell short by \$11,279. "Other" income represents realized annuities, inheritances, annuity investment income and miscellaneous items. This reduced the net total income increase to \$5,740 or a 1.37 percent. Even though the net increase was small it was still an encouragement to end the year ahead of the 1969-70 fiscal year in both of these categories of offering and total income.

The above figures were no problem for the slide rule to calculate. The problem we do have with the slide rule is trying to get it to come up with the answer as to how the 1.37 percent increase in income can offset a 10 percent increase in the budget (average cost of living increase of 6 percent plus 4 percent for minimum expansion adds up to a budget of \$491,000).

Fortunately, we are not depending upon the slide rule to come up with

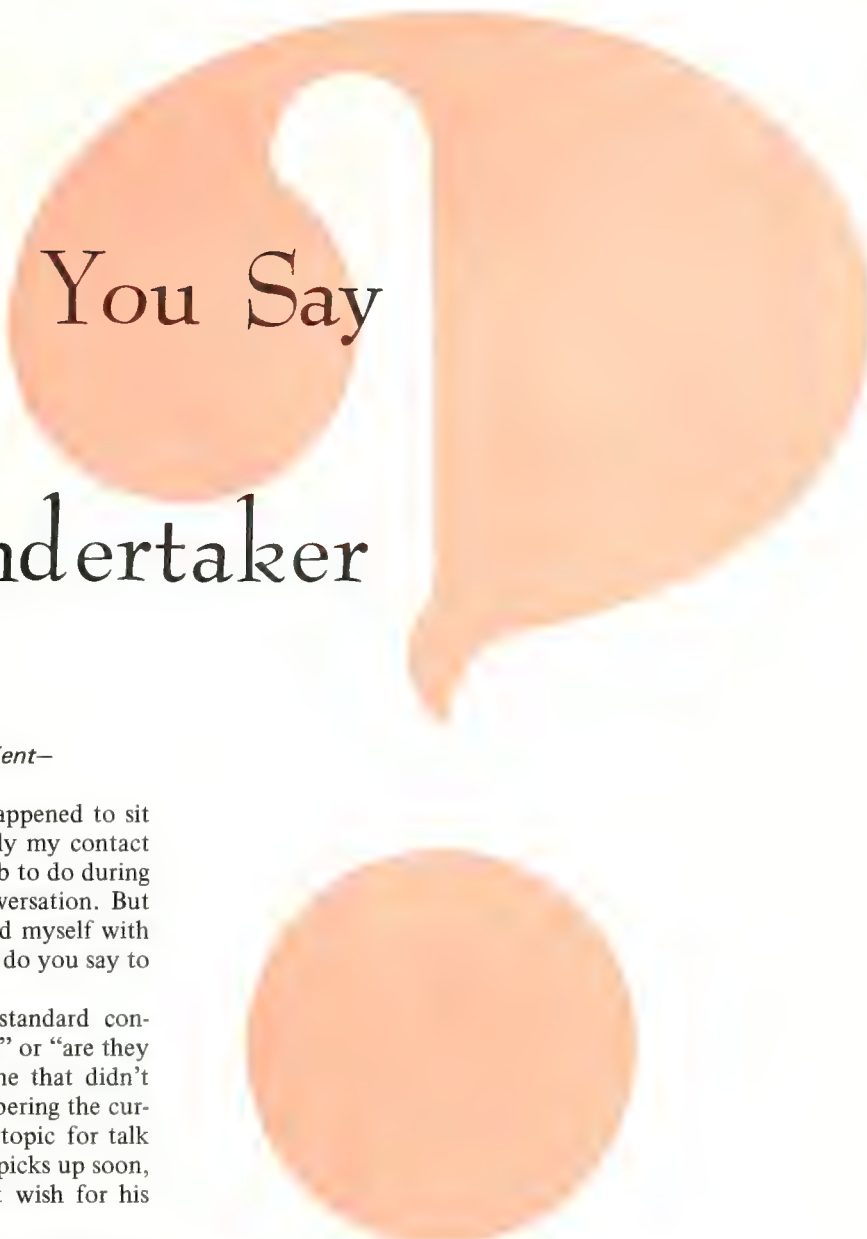
the answer! *We are depending upon God for it.* He might use your help and we would like to use your help by joining us in prayer about the need. You have given to Brethren Home Missions as He directed you and "we," the board, staff and missionaries, thank you for helping make it a new record year.

God has a way of "making both ends meet" and He doesn't need our slide rule to figure it out! Already we have seen encouraging notes in our new fiscal year. At least five letters have been received indicating that Home Mission Churches have accepted additional portions of their pastors' salaries. One Home Mission Church voted to go self-supporting June 1, 1971. District mission boards are doing an exceptional job of cooperating in continuing or increasing their commitments to our Home Mission Churches. We anticipate help from some unanticipated sources due to your prayers. Just remember, by the end of another year we may be able to report the answer by what "the slide rule shows" but in the meantime He would like to "count" on you to do your part.

*Where else could you place
all your eggs in one basket?*



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What Do You Say to an Undertaker

A "Churchmouse Chat" by Rev. Wendell E. Kent—

At a luncheon meeting the other day I happened to sit next to one of our local undertakers. Usually my contact with him is very brief, for we each have a job to do during funerals and there isn't much time for conversation. But this time the waitress was slow, and I found myself with plenty of time to talk. Then it hit me. What do you say to an undertaker?

I was just about to start off with the standard conversation starters, like "how's business going?" or "are they keeping you busy?" when something told me that didn't sound quite right for an undertaker. Remembering the current economic slump, which makes a good topic for talk these days, I started to say, "I hope business picks up soon, don't you?" when the implications of that wish for his business stopped me cold.

Not long before this, his establishment had run an ad in the paper that didn't exactly send me rushing out, check in hand, to invest. It offered a free burial vault, worth \$150, to anyone who dies this year. Surely I could at least congratulate him on offering such a good deal, but somehow I found it difficult to work up the necessary enthusiasm to discuss it. I thought about inquiring from him whether he had any kind of a lay away plan, but somehow the word "lay away" seemed in bad taste so I thought better of it.


For once in my life, this preacher was tongue-tied. I longed for the waitress to come so we could at least complain about the food together. I was caught in the grip of a genuine communication gap!

And then the realization came to me that he was having the same problem. He was not exactly bubbling over with sparkling conversation either. I suppose he was thinking, What do you say to a preacher?

Perhaps he thought of saying, as one cartoon put it, "Is the world sinful enough to suit you?" Or maybe he thought about asking, "What did you do over the weekend?"—when the obvious answer made the question seem ridiculous.

So we sat there, two grown men with tongues tied,

searching for ways to bridge the chasm created by the two different worlds we live in. That's pretty much the problem all over the world today. There is a gap between black and white, young and old, rich and poor, labor and management, long hair and short hair, parent and child—and most of the time we could bridge it if we learned a little more about the other's problems. We're too wrapped up in our own world to know much about the other fellow's. There is wisdom in the oft-quoted Indian prayer, "Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins."

One thing is pretty certain. Any witnessing we attempt to do for Christ will be a hundred times more effective when we begin to share one another's lives. We must be like Ezekiel and "sit where they sit" (Ezek. 3:15). 

—Taken from *The Churchmouse*, published by the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa. Rev. Wendell E. Kent, the pastor, has just been elected to the board of trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

Church News

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Prayer is requested for Rev. Lyle Marvin who suffered a paralyzing stroke recently. His home address is: 6227 Sea Breeze Dr., Long Beach, Calif. 90803.

WARSAW, IND. A new record attendance was set at Community Grace Brethren Church when 526 people heard the Grace College Choir in the worship service on May 2. Thirteen people responded publicly to the invitation to receive Christ as Saviour or to totally dedicate their lives to Him. Mark E. Malles, pastor.

ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIF. "Men of Song," 12 singing men, directed by Jim Bergthold, presented a concert of sacred music at the Hillside Brethren Church vesper service recently. Besides featuring the group singing, there were several duet and quartet numbers, and special tenor solos by Jim Bergthold. Beverly Shebeck was a guest soloist and joined with Jim for an extra duet number. The entire group are from the Westminster Brethren Church. Sandwiches and pie were served during the time of fellowship following the concert. Harold Painter, pastor.

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT annual conference (18th) was held at the Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio, May 11-13. The moderator's address by Pastor Clair Brickel, Brookville, was well suited to the perils and challenges of the seventies. Featured speaker was Dr. John Davis, Grace Theological Seminary, whose illustrated lectures on Archaeology and the Bible were highly popular with delegates and friends in attendance. The 1972 conference will be held at the First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio, with Rev. Gerald Polman, Englewood, as moderator. Horace Mohler, district secretary.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. The Westminster Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute was privileged to have Dr. Robert Clouse as guest minister on May 23. Dr. Clouse is pastor of the Clay City, Ind., First Brethren Church.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. John W. Mayes, 8814 Highland Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90605. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Mayes, R. R. 2, Pierceton, Ind. 46562. Prof. and Mrs. Alva Steffler, 318 Madison St., Wheaton, Ill. 60187. Rev. and Mrs. Gene Klingler, Box 303, Ashland, Ohio 44805. Please change *Annual*.

CONEMAUGH, PA. We are praising the Lord for spiritual blessings and victories which have been noted in various areas here at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church. Our young people have been willing to be used of the Lord and we are praying His special guidance as Linda Johns and Gwen Howie spend their summer as missionaries for Child Evangelism, and as Virginia Toroian prepares for service under the TIME program in Argentina for January 1972.

In preparation for the viewing of the film "Like a Mighty Army," the pastor gave a message stressing commitment to evangelism, after which 55 responded to the invitation. Simon Toroian, pastor.



ROSEMEAD, CALIF. Pictured is Dr. Clyde M. Narramore presenting a certificate to Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Yunker upon completion of a one-month intensive course in pastoral counseling at the international headquarters of the Narramore Christian Foundation. The Yunkers are missionaries with the Evangelical Alliance Mission in Tokyo. Missionary Yunker is an ordained elder in the Brethren Church and is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Elkhart, Indiana.



LONG BEACH, CALIF. Pictured here are Dr. and Mrs. George Peek, a couple of world travelers, who left on May 27 for Africa by way of Japan and points East. They will be touring for over seven weeks, and Dr. Peek will be speaking in thirteen different countries: Japan, Taipei, Hong Kong, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Italy, France and Africa.

This trip is a mission-survey tour that was given to the Peeks by the North Long Beach Brethren Church as a token of appreciation for twenty years of service—because of a crowded schedule the trip was postponed for three years.

WESTERVILLE, OHIO. Ed Jackson, executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men, has announced the speakers for the men's sessions at national conference, Aug. 6-13. Speakers will include Chaplain Lee Jenkins, Rev. Dean I. Walter, Richard Dickenson and Ed Jackson. Men from across the Fellowship are encouraged to attend this year's conference at Winona Lake, Ind.

HARRAH, WASH. The ordination service for Michael Ostrander was solemnized on May 21, with Rev. Earl Funderburg, State Director of Upper Michigan Child Evangelism Fellowship, bringing the ordination message. The following participated in the service: Mr. Harry Parten, deacon of the Harrah Brethren Church and ministers of the Northwest District as listed—Donald Bishop, Bruce Button, George Christie, Donald Farner, Nelson Hall, Sam Horney, Duane Jorgens, John Mayes, Leonard Myers, William Schaffer, William Shelby, Jack Simmons, Howard Snively.

LONGVIEW, TEXAS.

"Because He lives

I too, I too,

I too shall live!"—With joyful hope

and assurance these words from "Open the Gates of the Temple" were sung on Easter Sunday morning by Venard Holsinger a few minutes before he met his Saviour face to face.

At the conclusion of the singing, Dr. Raymond Gingrich, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Longview, Texas, said: "If I wouldn't say another word we could go home after a message like that." Venard turned and smiled, then went to his seat beside his wife. It was at this moment that the Lord called Venard's name, and he answered the call and entered his heavenly home.

Mr. Holsinger, a campus plant foreman in carpentry for seven years at Le Tourneau College, Longview, Texas, was a vibrant testimony among the students. A quote from the student publication of the college follows: "Mr. Holsinger's life was filled with love for his Lord, and it was apparent to all who knew him. He had a delightful disposition. He always spoke the truth in love, and students were his greatest interest. Many extra hours were spent doing things for them, as well as for faculty and staff members. His presence on campus was always a benediction."

The *Herald* is appreciative of this added information regarding the death of Mr. Holsinger, and hopes that the testimony of this saint may cause each of our readers to prepare for his home calling—it may be soon.

"Because He lives... I too shall live!"

WASHINGTON, D.C. Dedication Day—a day of rejoicing for the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington. Because of God's goodness, they were able to recently dedicate a new sanctuary to the glory of the Lord. Pastor James Dixon said regarding the achievement: "It is most rewarding to see what God can do with the dedicated lives and gifts of His people."

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Eddie Miller is available for pulpit supply, and may be contacted by writing to this address: 204 14th St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590—or by phone—(219) 269-2217. Please note change of address in *Annual*.



HARVEY CEDARS, NEW JERSEY. The Northern Atlantic District, meeting here May 21-23 for their 15th annual conference, honored Rev. William Steffler for 50 years of service in the Christian ministry. He is shown above with a plaque presented to him by Rev. Vernon Harris (right). At left is Rev. Luke Kauffman, newly elected moderator of the district. Rev. Steffler is pastor of the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Northern Atlantic District are shown above. Front row, left to right: Ken Kohler, statistician; Rev. Luke Kauffman, moderator; Rev. Kenneth Russell, vice moderator; John Line, secretary. Back row, left to right: Walter Fretz, treasurer; and Rev. Warren Tamkin, business manager. Guest speaker for this year's district conference was Rev. Richard Grant, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. (Photos by Allen Zook.)

WORTHINGTON, OHIO. New facilities, including a thousand-seat sanctuary, were dedicated to the Lord on June 19 with Rev. Nathan Meyer as the special speaker and Chaplain John Schumacher as soloist. James Custer, pastor.

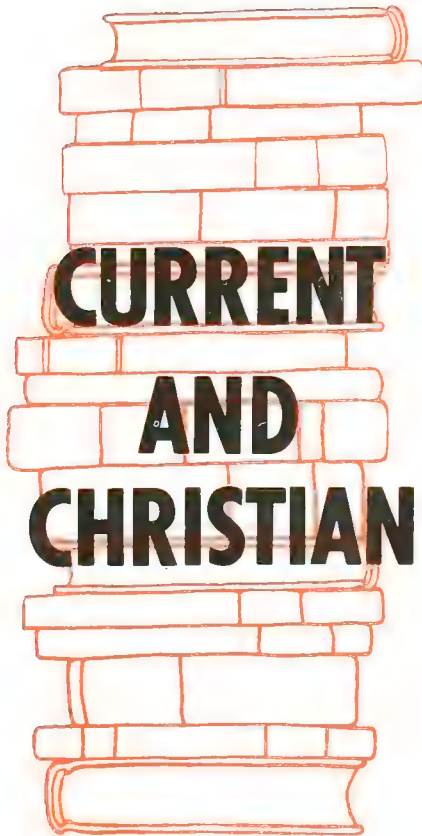
CONEMAUGH, PA. Jacob Jambazian of Trans World Radio spoke at a special evening service at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church Apr. 12. He recently returned from a visit to his homeland of Armenia, also the home-

land of Pastor Simon Toroian. He indicated that, although Bibles are scarce, interest in spiritual things is high and the Gospel is well received behind the Iron Curtain. During the week of Mar. 28–Apr. 4, Pastor Toroian and Pastor Don Rager of the Conemaugh Brethren Church combined congregations for a series of spiritual life services. The pastors exchanged pulpits for two Sundays. There were 15 rededications of life during the week.

Unhooked

James R. Adair (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1971), 159 pages, paper, \$1.25.

Many think the Gospel is not relevant to 1971, but never was it more triumphant than now. This is the message coming through loud and clear from this paperback. Edited by James Adair of the *Power* Sunday-school "take-homes," these are true experiences of persons who become "unhooked" from drugs through hearing the salvation message and who are now "addicted" to Christ. It is exciting reading, with each incident related in 10 pages or less. In the back are two valuable appendixes: (1) a glossary of terms used by many in conversing about drugs and the drug problem; and (2) a listing by states of Christ-centered groups working with drug-addicts, which gives a source of assistance for those faced with the drug problem. This is "must" reading for every concerned Christian.—*Pastor Wesley Haller, Johnstown, Pennsylvania*



The Christian Way of Death

Gladys Hunt (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971), 117 pages, cloth, \$3.50.

The preface is startling. One is very suddenly made aware of one's own bereavements. I wanted to remember the statement, "Getting a perspective on death is getting the right perspective on life."

It is a good feeling to know (and be reminded) that God has done something about life and has done something about death. As the third chapter closes we are reminded to *believe*—to believe in a way that means handing over the reins of our life to a sovereign God. "It's getting in on the Triumph of the King!"

In the fourth chapter entitled "Deliverance," a perfectly marvelous way is given to answer certain questions about death. The question was raised by Mrs. Hunt's young son, "If Jesus could make Lazarus alive again,

how come He let His friend John the Baptist stay dead after that wicked woman had him killed?" On the surface it did seem unfair. One had a cruel death and the other was given life. This is how it looks in life's situations sometimes. It is evident that John was taken home to be with God while Lazarus had to die again later on. God's purpose is often veiled from us mortals.

The chapter on "Grief" is truly descriptive. The author suggests that grief is a smothered feeling—a suspension in time. However, God understands about grief and the way out of grief is found in God, not in helpful suggestions about ways to live life.

The chapter on "Sympathy" states a question that has bothered me from the first time I saw death. "How do you express to a person that you really care because death has taken away someone he really loves?" Several suggestions follow, such as: Don't say, "If there is anything I can do, let me know." You have come to say you care about the living or that you loved the one who died. Just say, "I'm sorry," "I'm saddened by your loss"—or whatever is most natural for you to say. Comfort means "with strength."

In chapter seven the author points out two things every child should know to insure a healthy view of life or death. First, that he is valuable to God and needs salvation; second, that a child must understand that the cross demonstrates God's holiness. He is valuable to God but can never make it in either life or death without Him.

As to the chapter on "Funerals," some very enlightening facts are given, historically and monetarily. In the final analysis, a Christian funeral is not determined by cost or efficiency but by the message it proclaims.

The last chapter is entitled "God." Gladys begins by quoting A. W. Tozer: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." It determines our spiritual future and the way we live in the present. Take ten minutes and write down what God is to you.

A summary of the whole book is given by saying: "The best we can do is to see death in perspective by looking at the realities of life in such a way that we see before and beyond this life. . . . Coming to grips with death means coming to grips with God and life."—*Helen Smith, Minerva, Ohio*

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. We pay postage.

Many educators are predicting that the small, church-related institutions of higher learning will not survive the next two decades. These educators do not feel the educational experience in the church-related college can be superior enough to match the financial squeeze. It is time for someone to speak out on behalf of the small Christian college. The intention of this article is not to downgrade the secular institutions, but rather to list several reasons why Grace College is better than the other institutions of higher learning.

Grace College is *academically honest*. Grace openly admits a Biblical bias in the interpretations of known facts and theories. Many secular institutions try to claim a somewhat unbiased approach, or at least ventilated interpretations of the facts. To say one can teach without any bias is almost ridiculous. To say one can teach with many biases, or that an educational system has many teachers with differing values only lowers the student's ability to discover his values and interpretations to mere serendipity. One does not take a chance at Grace as to the interpretations of the course material. Every professor is carefully selected for his spiritual stand as well as his academic abilities.

Grace College is a *Christian liberal arts* college, and the terms Christian and liberal arts are strictly defined to make the educational process distinct.

The term "Christian" means a definite association with the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Some colleges consider themselves "Christian" if they have an emphasis on the re-

ligion department and have chapels during the week. These weakly defined "Christian" colleges are more harmful than the secular institutions to impressionable minds. Too many young people attend these so-called "Christian" colleges only to have their faith in God undermined. Yet since the college calls itself "Christian," the subversion is accepted by the students as "truth from above."

The term "liberal arts" is also very important in the definition of education at Grace. Liberal arts education is primarily concerned with the development of the person rather than just the skills. Perhaps Grace College will never be an outstanding research center in the fields of medicine or science, but the greatest need of this world is the person with the answer to the question, "Why am I here?" Because Grace College's graduates have that answer, the college's product will not grow obsolete.

Grace College students have a *greater incentive to learn*. The students are bound to the scriptural command to study to show themselves approved, not unto man, parent, professor, girlfriend, or self, but unto the God of the universe. Ideally, Grace College is the center of the highest level of motivation.

Grace College has a *proper educational synthesis*. Contemporary knowledge is synthesized with the infallible Scriptures in every discipline where it is possible. Grace College is not a Bible college that teaches primarily the Bible, but a school of eclectic disciplines synthesized with the Bible.

Grace College promotes the *dignity of the individual*. Grace is one of the smallest colleges in the nation with a present enrollment of 615, and the projected student enrollment for 1980 is still small at less than a thousand. Whereas largeness tends to produce an anonymous air, smallness perpetuates a genuine atmosphere of friendship and community.

Grace College promotes *reason over rebellion*. According to *U. S. News & World Report*, during the academic year 1969-70, the following campus problems occurred: 1,785 protests, 7,800 arrests, 14 bombings, 462 injuries, almost 10 million dollars damage, and, worst of all, eight individuals were killed. At Grace College, Christ bridges the administration-student gaps. The scriptural admonition, "come let us reason together," is the problem-solving procedure at Grace.

Grace College holds to *absolutes*. It was previously mentioned that secular institutions do not admit their biases like Grace, but perhaps that statement should be amended. Secular institutions do admit one bias—that no one can know anything for certain. So the secular institution will search and search for certainties, but will not find them as long as they believe they do not exist. Their religion is change. Grace holds to absolutes in the Bible. God is believed to be the only answer to man's dilemma. Grace College is a giant step ahead of secular institutions, for Grace is not in search of the answer, but rather is in search of better ways of communicating the answer found in Jesus Christ.

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By Dave Miller
Student Senate President
Grace College

Grace College Is

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Grace College is *open minded*. That may seem inconsistent with the "one way" philosophy of the Bible, but Grace is open to many avenues of truth. Most colleges and universities will accept the scientific method as the only proof of fact. Grace College accepts the scientific method and is not afraid of science, but includes other avenues of truth that are even more valuable than the scientific method. Grace accepts revelation as seen in the Scriptures. Grace accepts experience because the Christian life is so boldly pragmatic—it works. And Grace accepts faith because, as it says in *Christianity Today*, "nothing is self-explanatory, or self-sufficient, or capable of self-justification."

Finally, Grace College *educates the whole man*. Education at Grace is not limited to the mind and body, but includes the most vital dimension to man—his spirit. Thus the graduates of Grace College emerge better prepared for life, and even death.

David Veale, last year's senior class president at the University of Massachusetts said, "After four years of seeming irrelevant institutional education, many of us leave the university to finally seek our goals. We leave in fear, in despair, in frustration."

Wayne Hannah, senior class president at Grace College says, "After my years of relevant education at Grace, my goal is France, and my message is Christ."

Grace College is better!

Mr. David Miller received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Grace College on May 26, 1971, and plans to enter Grace Theological Seminary in the fall.

Better

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

Theological

Within recent months a theologian made famous by his blasphemy departed this life. Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, a Norwegian theologian, spent the last several decades of his teaching ministry in the United States. He came to the attention of the Christian public as the result of an explanation in one of his books which attributed the birth of Christ to the chance immoral relations of Mary, His mother, with a German soldier in the region of Nazareth. This gave notoriety to this man and enhanced his position among the liberal theological element of this nation.

Moving from one important school to another, filling chairs of theology, at last he became a member of the faculty of Wooster College, located at Wooster, Ohio. This school had long since repudiated its sound Christian lineage as a Presbyterian school, so it was not strange that the administration should add to its defection from the faith by placing this man in a strategic place in the school of religion.

He Taught Men to Reckon With God

Information of his death was carried in the student publication of Wooster College, and an evaluation of his ministry was made. In the eulogy it was stated that the appropriate epitaph for this man are the words quoted above: "He taught men to reckon with God." One wonders precisely what these words mean, especially when this man lowered Christ to the level of mere man, and transferred His conception to the area of immorality. To the students who were

responsible for these words, it could not mean more than what this man conveyed to them in his teaching.

When one examines the words of Christ for some verification of this epitaph, he finds none. What is found leaves this man weighed in the balances and found wanting. It was Christ who said, "... no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). If the words of Christ are to be trusted, then no man can reckon with God apart from Christ. And this Christ must be understood to be God manifest in flesh through the channel of supernatural conception and virgin birth. Since Ferre did not believe that Christ was God in flesh, how could he have taught anyone to reckon with God?

His God Was Not the God of the Bible

What God did Ferre teach men to reckon with? Certainly not the God of the Bible. Not even Dr. Ferre reckoned with that God, no matter what he might say to the contrary. However, he is today reckoning with the God of the Bible, but in judgment, which is wholly different from that intended by the epitaph. If we are to believe the words of Jesus, Dr. Ferre is a lost man. For on one occasion Jesus said to the Jews who rejected His claim to deity, "... if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). By this Jesus meant that He came from above as the divine Son of God. Any departure from this could only mean that a man had rejected the only way to God and the only Saviour from sin.

How Reckoning With God

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Student Newspaper Carries Famous Statements

For your information, we are listing below the so-called famous statements of this man. These statements are high sounding, but amazingly vague. You may be sure that they employ a species of semantics that make it impossible to define precisely what they mean or to discover what they mean. If they are to be taken at face value, they say nothing worthwhile, and certainly nothing that can be depended upon to guide men in the direction of the true God. At best they do nothing more than mystify. Certainly these words fulfill the prophecy of Peter concerning false teachers, that they shall, "with feigned words make merchandise of you" (II Peter 2:3). Here are the famous statements that are called "Ferre's Universal Words":

Live so we are fully open to the otherness of others.

Death is God's shock treatment. Beyond death we are our faith.

Need is the bridge between the subjective and the objective.

The deepest way to truth is mystery; the deepest way to reality is through prayer and poetry.

Reason is man's most carefully critical self-finding truth beyond itself.

Reason used fully will find its master in truth.

Religion deals with what is ultimate, and what is ultimate is universal.

Reality is creative being (or Spirit underlying being), becoming and non-being.

Prayer is participation, the mutual imminence in the Eternal Spirit, the ultimate reality, accepting our deepest self and the love and responsibility that come with it.

If God could be verified, he would not be God, but a thing among things, a god among gods.

Mystery surpasses, goes through, knowledge—finding a meaning so strange and so full that it is still a mystery.

Bible Pronounces Judgment On False Teachers

Pointing forward to the time when false teachers would arise within the professing church, Peter predicted:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judg-

ment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. . . . These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage" (II Peter 2:1-3, 17-19).

From the Beginning the Church Was Warned

The Apostle Paul in his farewell address to the Ephesian elders gave some much needed counsel concerning the appearance of false teachers within the church:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:28-32).

the Great White Throne

By Bill Rudd

Few doctrines of Scripture have been attacked more severely than the doctrines of final judgment and an eternal hell. One of modern theology's pet peeves is that a "God of love" would not send anyone to hell. A noted Methodist bishop once said, "God is certainly as good as man, and I would not banish any man to eternal punishment for his faults." These blind theologians seem to have forgotten that God is also a God of justice whose righteous law demands, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Not until man fully comprehends the reprehensible nature of sin as God knows it, and the perfection of His holiness which it outrages, can he sit in judgment on whether or not eternal retribution is consistent with the character of God.

Others seek to do away with hell by proclaiming that there is no life beyond the grave—that when the icy fingers of death grasp their prize, man ceases to exist. Yet the warning of God's Word thunders in eternity, echoing down through the ages, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but *after this* the judgment."

Still others, trying to thrust the thought of hell from their minds cry out, "Men experience their heaven or hell in this life." But the Apostle John, as he looked into the future through the telescope of prophecy records: "And I saw the dead . . . stand before God. . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was

cast into the lake of fire" (Read Rev. 20:11-15). This passage sets forth two components of John's vision of the judgment of the lost. The context of this judgment isolates the time as immediately following the millennial reign of Christ on earth, and immediately preceding the eternal state.

As we look through the prophetic telescope, the first component of John's vision which we see is *THE TRIBUNE* with the authoritative seat. John pictures a "throne" which speaks of authority and power, and describes the seat as to its size and color. It is "great" indicating the unsurpassed majesty of the One who sits upon it, and it is "white" signifying the absolute holiness of its occupant.

There are interesting contrasts between the throne of God pictured in these verses and the one which John sees in heaven and describes in chapters 4 and 5. In chapter 4 a rainbow surrounds the throne; but no rainbow of mercy surrounds the judgment throne—only the stark white nakedness of almighty justice. In chapters 4 and 5 peons of praise swell up from the lips of ten thousand times ten thousand of worshipers and the singing reverberates through the courts of heaven; but here, following the thunderous roar of the dissolution of the universe, there is only the heavy silence of the courtroom.

But John's description of the Tribune does not stop with the authoritative seat, for in the second part of verse 11 he portrays the sovereign Judge. He is sitting upon the throne for He has the authority indicated by the seat. This is not God the Father, but Christ the Son; for all judgment has been committed to Him (John 5:22; Acts 10:42). But this One who in His earthly ministry was "despised and rejected of men," is now acknowledged by all to be "King of kings and Lord of lords."

John relates the effects of the majesty of the Judge when he writes, "from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away." With a few deft strokes of his pen John describes an event so stupendous that by comparison the universal flood of Genesis is like the overflow of a bathtub. This is the departure of the universe spoken of by Peter in II Peter 3:7-13 which makes way for the new heavens and earth (Rev. 21:1). The completeness of this dissolution is noted by the simple expression, "there was found no place for them."

Once again we pick up the prophetic telescope and focus on the second component of John's vision, *THE*

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TRIAL (vv. 12-15). In the first part of verse 12, John views the objects of the judgment. These are all of the unsaved dead of all of the ages, resurrected to stand before God for final judging. Those who may have thought that their greatness would excuse them from such a trial are here, as well as those who hoped their very insignificance would cause them to be overlooked.

Having seen the objects of the judgment, we might well ask how the trial will proceed. Thus, in the second part of verse 12 we find the method of examination. John relates the opening of two categories of books: the unnamed books probably referring to the Bible as the record of men's deeds (Ps. 56:8), and the named book, the Book of Life, in which appear all the names of the saved. By a comparison of these books—what men should have been and what they were—the dead are judged according to their works, and degrees of punishment are meted out.

In the thirteenth verse, John seems to back up chronologically to describe the mustering of the judged. The sources of the assemblage are indicated. The resurrection is first considered from a physical standpoint. Many have objected that a physical resurrection is impossible, because, for one example, the cannibal and his victim cannot both have the same body. A. H. Strong relates a newspaper article entitled, "Who Ate Roger Williams?" Apparently the root of an apple tree broke into his grave and entwined itself around his skeleton. Many people ate the apples of the tree.

While Paul discusses the problems of the resurrection body in I Corinthians 15, John merely affirms it by saying that the sea, where bodies were dissolved and widely scattered geographically, gives up the dead in it. The resurrection is also considered from a theological standpoint in that "death," that which holds man's material part, and "hades," that which holds man's immaterial part, both give up their possessions to be united in resurrection.

In the latter part of verse 13, John reiterates the result of this collection by stating, "and they were judged every man according to their works." While the previous verse stressed the universality of the judgment, this one stresses its individuality. "Every man" will personally stand to be judged.

In the final portion of his vision of The Trial, the Apostle sees the execution of the verdict. First, in verse 14, the verdict is executed with respect to the reposi-

tories of the dead. Those receptacles which held the body and soul during the intermediate state are interred in the lake of fire, which is the second death. Thus is fulfilled the word of the Apostle Paul, "For He must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (I Cor. 15:25-26).

In the second place, John records that the verdict is also executed with respect to those not in the Book of Life. The individual is clearly identified in verse 15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." The *degree* of punishment is determined by a comparison of the Bible and the record of a man's deeds, but the *place* of eternal destiny is determined by the Book of Life. If a person's sins are covered by the blood of Christ through personal repentance and faith, his name appears in the Book, and he will never stand in this judgment of the lost. But the one whose name is not found there—does that imply a search?—his will be the terrible punishment which John here graphically portrays. Who can imagine the terror of a "lake of fire"? If this language is literal, surely the agonies are terrible beyond description. And if it is figurative, they are no less, for the figure is always less than that which it represents. WHAT AN AWESOME PASSAGE!

Having considered this sober revelation, it is imperative to ask every reader, "What is *your* reaction to the prophetic Word?" If any reader is unsaved, he ought immediately to fall on his knees and cry out to God for salvation. But it is important to note that this passage was written primarily to believers. Thus to every believer comes the question, "What is *your* reaction to this prophetic Word?" Did God give this passage merely to satisfy our eschatological curiosity? God forbid! The Sovereign Lord of the churches gives the proper response to this prophecy in Revelation 22:16-17 where He declares that "the Spirit and the *Bride* say, *Come.*" The unfailing result of the contemplation of this awesome passage ought to be the determination of every member of the bride of Christ to faithfully, lovingly, and urgently cry out to all men, "Come to Christ, the One in whom is no condemnation!"

Condensation of a sermon by Bill Rudd, 1971 winner of The Glenn Russell Fink Award in Expository Preaching, and 1971 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary with the Master of Divinity degree, serving as the Associate Pastor of the Grace Bible Church of Elkhart, Indiana.

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By Prof. Donald Ogden
Chairman of the Music Department
Grace College

LONG HAIR, SHORT SKIRTS, LOUD MUSIC

Here comes another Grace College summer team. What kind of music do you expect to hear: the songs and performance styles of the 1920's? the newest innovations in big beat, maximum dynamics, and "hippie" jargon? or something in between? Will they season their traditionalism with a conservatively contemporary flavor or will they modify their contemporary idiom with due homage to the past? Will they sound secular, or will they be convincing in the sacredness of their expression?

How will they look? Will the women's skirts be too short? Will the men's hair be too long? Will they reflect the fashions of the 1950 Sears catalog? Or will they find an acceptable medium?

An itinerate musical missionary has a difficult job. He must speak a language which will be understood by all of his audiences; he must capture the interest and attention of all; and he must not offend the provincial tastes he will encounter from place to place. He knows that if he tries to please everyone, some will put him down for not being relevant while others will write him off for adopting the ways of the world.

Grace College musical teams have developed a philosophy of church music which helps them set their musical image. They will begin by recognizing their primary goal, which is the exaltation of Christ and the edification of men. They will select texts which to them tastefully communicate their message of worship, testimony, and exhortation. Then they will select musical settings which reflect the spirit of the texts and complement the communication of thought. Rejecting the theory you have to be like the world to attract it to Christ, they will avoid the adoption of excessive rhythms and incompatible popular devices which tend to appeal primarily to the physical responses and obscure the message. They will reject the rock sound and body movements which give emphasis to sensual responses.

At the same time their musical

vocabulary will be current. They will not assume the illogical attitude that old truths cannot be expressed in new ways. Nor will they accept the error that some instruments are less sacred than others. They will try to use their "current vocabulary," their "new ways" and their voices and instruments in such a way that young and old will like the sound and get the message; but they will expect you to see a distinction between their music and the entertainment music of the world.

In appearance they will reflect the belief that Christians should not necessarily look different from non-Christians, except where the world's patterns are in conflict with Biblical directives or where stylistic trends imply philosophical attitudes to which the Christian is opposed. Our teams do not want a "hippie" look anymore than a "hippie" sound. They do not want their appearance to confuse their message. Yet, without the sacrifice of modesty, they want to look up to date and attractive to the varied audiences to whom they minister.

They are not so unaware as to assume that their moderation will win the approval of those with a viewpoint at either extreme, but they sincerely hope their image will appeal to as many as possible while alienating as few as possible. It is their desire to win the confidence of that public with which they seek to establish and maintain acceptance for the sake of effective communication and mutual cooperation in the work of Christian higher education and the proclamation of the gospel of salvation.

We believe that as you see the Joyful Sounds in the East or the New Creation in the West this summer you will see a group of students with whom you will want to identify because they think, act, look, and sound like your kind of dedicated Christian young people. We are sending them out with a prayer that the high goals they have set for themselves will be met through the enablement of the One to whom they have dedicated this summer's ministry.

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By Prof. P. Fred Fogle
Director of Missions
Grace Schools

The call letters SOS have become so familiar that it is superfluous to spell them out. To those who lived through the 1939-45 war years, the initials S.S. bring back morose memories of the military machine of Nazi Germany. The letters SDS ring a familiar bell to most of us and point to a radical student group which has been active in efforts to overthrow the present order in America.

But what does SSS mean? At Grace College, it stands for a growing and thrilling activity undertaken by some of the students, namely, Students In Summer Service.

One of the basic elements in the philosophy of Grace Schools is to encourage its students to put Christ first and enter into some type of Christian service. An increasing number of our young people are becoming insistent upon putting that philosophy into practice during a vacation period.

This summer, eight Grace College students, and at least one seminary student will have an opportunity to work for God abroad. Northward to Alaska, southward to Mexico and Brazil and eastward to France, Germany and Spain will they go. Compared to last year's number, the figure has doubled.

Many of our students will be serving Christ this summer within the context of their local church program in our own very needy United States, but as a full-time activity. At least twelve will be engaged in summer camp work, inner-city evangelism and church work in Kentucky.

To further embellish our program, two musical teams are going to travel most of the summer ministering in various churches across our land. This is a continuation of a good tradition

begun by the Development and Music Departments at Grace.


Those serving at home and abroad will be under the auspices of a wide variety of mission agencies. Five of the students will be going out under the "Training In Missionary Endeavor" (TIME) program of the Brethren Church, which is sponsored by the Christian Education Department. Two will go with the Greater Europe Mission, one with The Evangelical Alliance Mission, and one with Youth for Christ.

During the fall missionary conference at Grace Schools, a goal was set to raise funds for scholarships for the summer workers. Added to the monies given by our own students were funds from the Christian Service Department budget to make a total of seven hundred dollars available toward the partial support of the summer missionaries. This sum was divided equally among eight students.

David Rodgers, on the way to Brazil says: "My motives for going this summer are that I may learn more about missionary life, and get some on-the-field training. My desire is to glorify Christ in every way." Bob Herr says: "The missionary conference last fall opened the door to summer service in France where I intend to serve full time when I graduate." Lois Gilbert, who plans on seeing Spain says: "I became interested in summer missionary work last semester. This work will help me grow spiritually and I will be able to witness more effectively to other people." Jim Jenkins, destined for Germany says: "When I sent in my application to Youth for Christ, I prayed that I would only be accepted if this were the Lord's will." Neal Fogle, who was raised in France, says: "I have al-

ways wished to return to France . . . I finally decided to try some of the open doors so that I can find my way and be in the Lord's will." And David McComas, when asked to explain his motives for going to France for the summer, replied: "I feel God has challenged me to do it by stepping out on faith. . . . I want to invest my summer in some type of Christian work."

Most of the students planning on serving outside the continental United States are going to earn two hours of credit in a specially structured course entitled "Applied Research in Missions." Reading, keeping of a daily record, and the writing of a paper will be part of the requirements. This is a first in the history of Grace College.

The dedication of these young people is outstanding and should be emulated by many. They deserve our prayers and support. As you read this, some of these young people may still lack part of the required finances. That would mean that they will need to fill the gap with money from their own pocket. If you feel led to help and want information, write to the Christian Education Department in Winona Lake, Indiana, or to the Missions Department of Grace Schools at Winona Lake, Indiana. 

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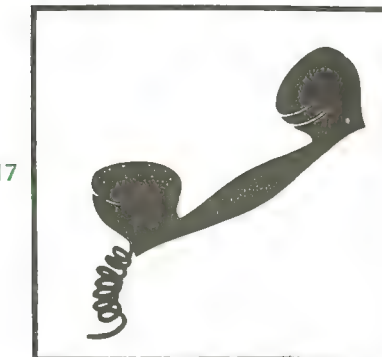
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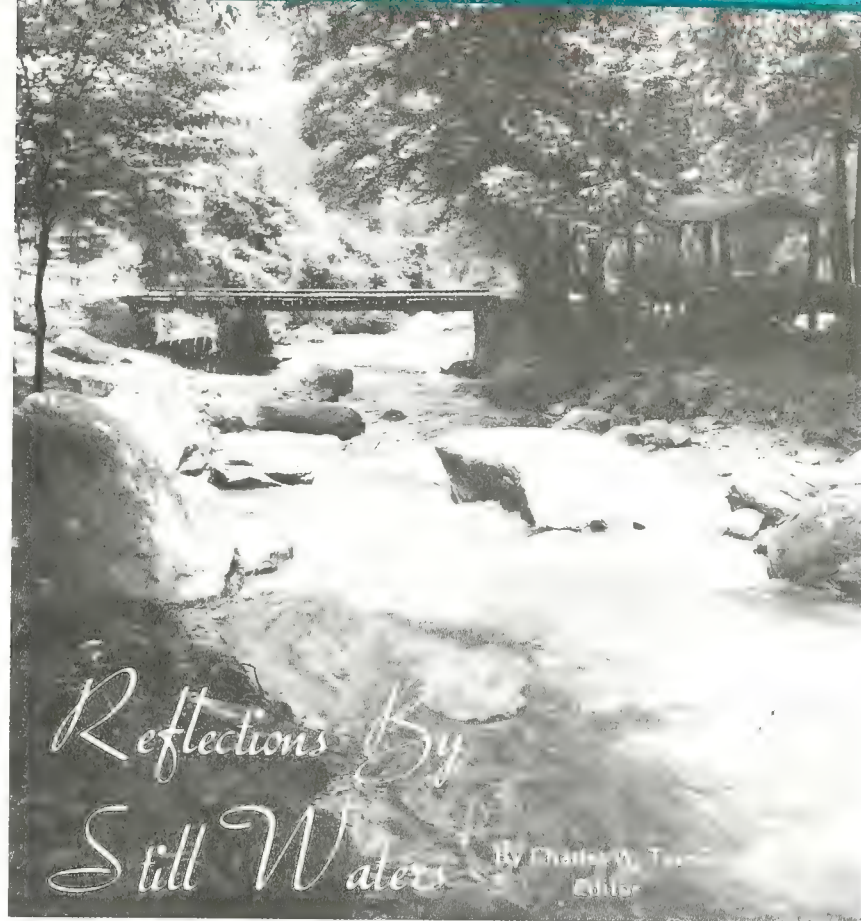
Thoughts On Use of Church Funds

Among the varied responsibilities of administering church duties is the proper use of church funds. This problem appears on the local level with the congregation and on the national level in denominational offices. Since this money has been given by individuals for the work of the Lord it is expected to be used with the greatest degree of wisdom and efficiency. I was somewhat disturbed by an article that was released by Associated Press recently giving an account of the use of church funds.

The story told of a release of \$10,000 to the Angela Davis defense fund. Miss Davis according to the story is a Communist and is charged in a conspiracy in connection with the killing of a judge and three other persons in the Marin County Courthouse (California). The part of the story that struck me was that the funds were released by the United Presbyterian Church from their Council on Church and Race. The actual money came from a fund composed of contributions designated for missionary purposes. This action has caused a controversy and has resulted in the withholding of gifts to the missionary funds from a number of churches in the denomination.

A defense regarding the gift to Miss Davis was given by William Thompson, the chief executive officer of the church, by saying: "It's a real test of our commitment to the principles involved if we are prepared to help those who don't conform to our standards." He seems to be saying that a test of the principles is whether or not there is a willingness to use church funds to give to the cause of people who do not conform to one's own set of beliefs. If this logic is followed—God forbid—chaos will follow.

If the gifts of local churches that are given to the missionary funds of denominations are to be used to support people and causes in which the giver is not in sympathy, there is a natural result that will follow. People will refuse to give. Is it a test of our principles to support those who do not conform to the Christian standard? The answer is emphatically NO! We are to support and encourage Christian causes in which we believe. However,



our duty goes beyond the question of support or nonsupport. Our duty demands that we speak out against the unlawful, unprincipled causes that are the enemy of Christian principle and practice. It is ridiculous to say that we should support cults and causes which are foreign to the stated beliefs of a given group. There has been a great deal of dismay by leaders of liberal churches lately as to why financial support is not forthcoming. Many of the liberal churches are in desperate financial condition at the present time. The reason is that people are withholding funds because of the actions of leadership. There is a loss of confidence by the membership.

May I at this point call your attention to the fact that use of entrusted funds is an awesome responsibility. Whether it is in a local church where thousands of dollars are concerned or in denominational avenues and areas where hundreds of thousands of dollars are involved—the principle remains constant. It is God's money, given by God's people, to insure the continuance of God's message.

It is of great comfort in the framework of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to know that your

missionary dollars are not spent to espouse causes that are foreign to Christian principles. Your gifts to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Grace Schools, the Board of Evangelism and the Brethren Missionary Herald Company do not go to support causes other than those which are considered Christian in nature.

I talked recently with a man who was remaining in a liberal church while seeking to reform it. His theology was good, and his purpose, to himself, seemed good. But I asked him about his gifts to promote liberal theology with which he disagreed, such as: the colleges that trained liberal ministers; the missions that were more secular than spiritual; the new churches being built to further teach liberal theology; and the denominational printing firm that was bringing out Sunday-school material that downgraded the truth of Scripture. At this point he said, "This bothers my conscience."

Thank God for truth and pray for the needs of your church and for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Pray that your denomination will be able to translate material dollars into spiritual blessings in the lives of many.



The Cry for Independence

By Rev. George E. Cone

"Give me liberty or give me death!" That was the proud cry of one of our national heroes of the past. We Americans are proud of our liberty, and we want to let everyone else know we are free. Why should it seem strange to us if there are others in this world who want their freedom too?

One of the freedoms we cherish so much is the freedom of religion. And of all the denominations of this vast country, there is probably no other so belligerently free as the Grace Brethren. We are subservient to no one except the Lord Jesus Christ. Why

does it then seem strange to us that the African church should seek its freedom?

The cry of the African church at the present time is for independence. They say, "We have our political independence, now it is time for us to get our religious independence." It matters little that very few of the people in this large inland country know the *meaning* of freedom or independence. They have received it, and they are working to become independent in every aspect of their lives.

What is political independence for them? To the Central African Republic political independence means that the Africans themselves are sitting at the controls of their government. The president of the country is an African. The cabinet is composed of Africans, and the administration of the entire country is in the hands of the Africans themselves. This does not mean that the former "colonists" are not still active. Every cabinet member has his white counterpart—namely, a "technician," who often makes all the decisions and does all the work—but the black man puts his signature on the paper. In case the African is not in agreement with his "technician," the African's word is final, even when not in accord with the law of the land.

Financially, African independence is also dependent. A large part of the C.A.R. budget is furnished by outside countries. Recently, the President of the country deported a number of French "technicians" because the French government was not contributing enough to the budget. He made threats to go toward the East and the communistic countries in order to get the financial assistance he

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needed to accomplish his projects. He maligned America and other western countries who give "from an eye-dropper," and praised the Communists who made promises of great projects such as a railroad system and so on. This forced the French government to reevaluate their relations with this underdeveloped inland country, and the result was that the "independent" country of C.A.R. received even larger contributions to sustain their "independence."

Is it any wonder that when the church begins to talk about religious independence, they are not thinking of independence in the sense in which we think of it at all? We have had as our goal a church in Africa which is "independent"—self-sustaining, self-propagating; but what we have envisioned and what the Africans have in mind are two different things.

To the African pastors, church independence means that all the work is put into their hands, from the director of the work right down to the janitor who sweeps the floor of the newest bush church. The missionary is then relegated to the role of "technician," and he is expected to serve the church in whatever way the pastor nearest him sees fit. He can be a mimeograph operator, chauffeur, bookkeeper, writer, teacher, or whatever is given to him. *But* the final word is in the hands of the African pastor, even if it might

be contrary to the teaching of the Scripture which we have taken to the Africans.

Financially, the African church expects the Mission in America to continue to send the budget money as before but it will be in their control; that is to say, the Africans will have the last word as to the use of the money. They will designate the purchase of cars, construction of buildings, transfer of personnel, and the entire use of the monies sent to them by the American Mission.

The leaders of the African church have this as their goal, and they have made it clear that they will not co-operate with the Mission in any effort which is proposed unless such financial arrangements are forthcoming.

I personally believe that all the pastors are united in this goal but are not agreed as to the tactics necessary to force the Mission to this end. Some of the pastors feel that if the missionaries leave, then they will have no means of getting hold of the money. Others think that if they leave, the Mission will continue to send the money which was originally used to operate the African work, and that then it will be in the control of the church without need of having the white man around.

I sympathize with the Africans, although I do not entirely agree with them. I believe we have acted all too slowly, and oftentimes in such a way that the Africans had good reason to believe it was not in good faith.

However, we cannot change the past. We must act for the Lord in the future. Jesus is building His Church in Africa, and it will be built to His glory. Pray that those involved will have the wisdom only His Spirit can give in order that the portion of His Church which is in Africa may be one with us.



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Tuesday, August 10 —
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Summer Activities at Home Base

Attend the FMS
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National Conference!

Is it possible for a missionary to fossilize? We prefer to say no. We would like to think that he is always alert to the opportunities which surround him—always sure of his task, and always ready to act with wisdom. Alas, the fact that he is engaged in a spiritual ministry does not of itself guarantee success. It is just as easy for the missionary to become outdated as it is for a man in a secular position to lose touch with developments in his profession when he ceases to be a student.

A missionary should never stop learning. If he does, his effectiveness is greatly reduced. The fast pace of today's world demands of the missionary constant self-analysis and evaluation of his work to be sure he is doing his best for God.

A mass of material has been produced in recent years to assist the missionary in understanding and solving the problems of missions. However, all of this may not be available to him on the field. In order to help him keep in touch with developments in missions worldwide and to provide a time of fellowship with his colleagues working in other sections of the world, a missions seminar was initiated by the Foreign Missionary Society. Each year furloughed missionaries and approved candidates assemble shortly before national conference to pray together, feast on the Word of God as served by a selected Bible teacher, hear lectures on current missions topics, and share in discussions of missions problems and solutions.

This year twenty-four missionaries and four candidates representing Africa, Germany, Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico are expected to join the home staff in Winona Lake for a series of studies on the theme, "The Will of God and Foreign Missions." Topics such as Saturation Evangelism, the Extension Seminary, Principles of Church Growth, the Indigenous Church, the Missionary and the National Church, are included in the program. The sessions will begin Tuesday, July 27, and close on Monday evening, August 2, when foreign board members will unite with missionaries for the annual fellowship dinner. Dr. Bernard Schneider will be the speaker for the occasion.

If you are planning to attend national conference this year, you will not want to miss the activities on Tuesday, August 10, which is Foreign Missions Day. One highlight will be the presence of Noel Gaiwaka, pastor of the Castor Brethren Church in Bangui, Central African Republic. He was chosen by the General Conference of African Brethren Churches to be its official representative to come to the United States at the invitation of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Did you read the moving story of Pastor Noel's life in the June 12 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*? If not, be sure to do so.

One of the most outstanding events in Christendom during the past year was the "Life in Christ" campaign in the Central African Republic. The coordinator of that campaign and the man who has helped in the organization of campaigns in five nations of East Africa, Rev. Wayne Beaver, will be the speaker at the foreign missions banquet at noon on that day, August 10. A limited number of tickets will be available. Better make your reservations early. See the particulars in the June and July issues of *Foreign Mission Echoes*.—JWZ





The
Wallace
family

It's Great To Be Going Back!

By Rev. and Mrs. George (Duke) Wallace

Furlough is almost over for the Wallace family. A lot of nice things happened to us in our year at home. We visited with our families, and saw some parts of the country that we had never seen before. We made many new friends and renewed some old friendships as well. Then, too, we have a fine new son in our family.

This year presented a challenging, wonderful ministry for the Lord. Many were won to Christ, and many young people dedicated their lives to serve Him full time. However, the USA is not God's will for the Wallaces—the huge green country of Brazil beckons to us.

We are going back to the ministry to which God called us, and to a people who want and need the Gospel.

I, Judy, as a Christian mother and worker in Brazil, would like you to pray for Duke, Judy, Gregor, Kevin, and Joel. Remember, a large part of the effectiveness of our ministry will depend upon your prayers for us.

As a missionary who traveled many thousands of miles both by airplane and by car, God taught me, Duke, much this year here in the States. He reminded me that Americans truly need to hear the Gospel—that is, to hear the Gospel *clearly* for the first time, so that they can make a true profession of Christ! I am more convinced than ever before that sharing Jesus Christ in personal evangelism is the least expensive and most efficient way to reach the "Now World" with the "Now and Forever Truth" that *JESUS*

SAVES. God began to show me the truth of all this during our last year in Brazil, where a handful of illiterate men with a minimal knowledge of how to share the Gospel, were so greatly used to win souls to himself.

This is the burden that we take back to Brazil: to teach others to share, show, and tell the precious, saving Gospel that Jesus is indeed the only way to heaven.

We will be ministering in a place called Coqueiro, where many new houses are being built. Pray that as people move into their new homes, they will accept Christ as their Saviour and make Him the head of the home.

We also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who have already prayed much for us, to others who have shared their material blessings with us through projects, and to our supporting churches who have been so faithful!



One of the fruits of the Brethren Africa medical work is Noe Marandet, pictured here before he came to the United States to begin his training, with the goal of returning to his own land as a medical doctor. Sponsored by the Christian Medical Society, Noe just graduated from a premedical course at Taylor University. He has returned to the C.A.R. for a visit this summer, and is accepted by the Indiana University School of Medicine for this fall term. (Photo by Rosella Cochran)

BASIC PRINCIPLES of the MEDICAL WORK

By Dr. Floyd W. Taber
Missionary Doctor to Africa

I. CHRISTIAN

The medical work which centers at Boguila aims to be first of all Christian. That means to us EVANGELICAL AND EVANGELISTIC.

- A. Evangelical means Biblical in doctrine and life, in faith and action.
- B. Evangelistic means that our primary purpose is to lift Christ up so that He may draw men to himself. The humanitarian goal is an outgrowth of this, but is not a goal in itself.

We use various means of evangelism—preaching service every morning, instruction to medical personnel on soul-winning, tracts, and so on. But we consider our main evangelistic thrust to be the demonstration of the compassion of Christ by the “tender loving care” which is lavished on the patients.

When we are loving a patient with the love of Christ who is loving through us, that makes us feel his sufferings far more keenly than we could on a purely humanitarian basis.

And when our ultimate goal is to glorify God—to manifest all His excellency—that adds another dimension to our zeal for relieving his suffering in every way possible and for using the most effective treatment which exists.

II. DEPENDENT ON GOD

When we are in God’s business, following Christ’s marching orders in the Great Commission, we have a right to claim from Him everything we need.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I SHALL NOT WANT.” If I admit, even in my thinking, that anything could be lacking that would make this work entirely to the praise of His glory, I am maligning the Good Shepherd.

His honor is engaged to provide all our need—in personnel, buildings, equipment, medicines, wisdom. If anything is lacking, it is simply because I do not appropriate what He is ready to provide.

The mission board has taken on itself limited responsibility. God has taken on himself unlimited responsibility.

The various ways in which He has provided medicines over the years would make a saga in itself.

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask. . . .” Sometimes when we are making the wrong diagnosis, He leads us to use the right medicine. And sometimes when there is no

medical hope, He works a miracle.

III. SCIENTIFIC

The fact that the medical work is Christian is no excuse for being slovenly in regard to the basic scientific principles of such medical practice.

The fact that God intervenes supernaturally is no excuse for lowering the standards of the best known medical techniques.

It would be just as reasonable to give a patient no food and to expect God to restore him to health and strength.

If we fail in caring for a certain patient, it is no excuse to say, "We did the best we knew how." We are responsible to study constantly to keep abreast of the best-known techniques.

It is no excuse to say we are lacking in personnel and money.

It is probably at this point that we fail most abjectly in doing a medical work that is completely to the glory of the Lord. When it comes to honoring our God, the best is not good enough. And we are guilty of failing to appropriate His resources.

As long as we have not learned this spiritual secret, there is no ground for settling back complacently and saying, "We are doing the best we can under the circumstances." If we cannot learn how to accomplish it, we can at least recognize it as an unpaid debt hanging over our heads.

IV. DEMOCRATIC

The work is not a dictatorship. It is a democracy, it is a team in which every member has a voice; then, after discussion, questions of medical diagnosis and treatment are decided by the physician in charge, and everyone carries out his orders.

The administrator takes the lead in discussing matters which do not involve medical techniques, and questions are decided by the whole staff or by a committee.

Questions involving the relations between the Mission and the medical work are settled by mutual agreement.

After the decision is reached, the administration pinpoints the responsibility for carrying it out.

Final authority for deciding administrative questions lies with the Medical Commission, a group of African Brethren Churches, with two missionaries appointed by the Mission as technical advisors.

V. AFRICAN

It is our goal that this medical work shall become, just as rapidly as possible, FOR, OF, and BY Africans.

A. For Africans

Although we do all we can to keep the missionaries in good health, I believe everyone is now agreed that the main function of the medical work is to minister to Africans.

B. Of Africans

Just as rapidly as possible it is our goal that

"Every foreign missionary should consciously be working himself out of a job by teaching Africans all he knows . . ."

the administration of the work follow the African culture pattern rather than an imported Occidental culture pattern.

We must import the medicines and many of the instruments. But the techniques should be adapted to local possibilities, and even to local prejudices.

And the administration should conform entirely to the African pattern.

C. By Africans

Every foreign missionary should consciously be deliberately working himself out of a job by teaching Africans all he knows, and how to do everything he knows how to do, and then pushing them to do the job under his oversight, even if they do it stumbingly.

Sometimes we missionaries object to being called "technical advisors," feeling that that robs us of our function as missionaries. And I agree that if I was to be exclusively a "technical advisor" and forbidden to do any missionary work, I probably would not stay here. But there is another way of looking at it.

My primary reason for being here is that I am called to be a missionary, which means essentially to be a witness to the Lord Jesus and His compassion and His saving power. But while I am here as a missionary, it is no more than Christian duty requires to help relieve suffering.

And certainly the best way to help is not to try to do the whole job with my two hands, but to be a technical advisor to Africans who are being trained to do the job.

Each missionary has two callings, a spiritual calling and a technical calling. Both of them are fulfilled by teaching and by example. Happy is the missionary who with the same breath can be teaching how to care for patients technically and how to manifest the compassion of Christ. He has found the secret of reconciling his two callings.

These are our goals. But there is a world of difference between our ideal and our realization.

Somewhere in New York State there is a statue of an Indian boy learning to use the bow and arrow. He is shooting at the sun. He never hits it, but he shoots higher than he would if he were shooting at the treetops.

Perhaps after reading about our goals you other medics may say, "Those are wonderful ideals, but I never could hope to attain them."

Then come and join us. You will be right at home along with the rest of us.

The Anteater and the Lion

By Miss Ruth Snyder

Missionary to Africa

The sun had disappeared behind the tall grass. The fire was crackling its evening melody. "Children," said the father, "time to sleep."

"Oh, Baba, a story first," they cried.

"What! Another story! How many must I tell you?" the father scolded with that teasing tone that fathers know how to make.

"One every night," the children replied. The father with a pretended air of defeat settled down to tell his story. He took his Bible in his hand and read to the children: "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:14). And then he told them the story of the anteater and the lion.

Once upon a time the lion went out to hunt an animal to eat. He hunted and he hunted and he hunted, but not one animal did he see. He thought he would die of hunger, but he kept on hunting. Then one day as he was roaming around, he saw an anteater. This was the first time the lion had seen an anteater. As he looked at the big animal, he was frightened. He decided that he better be careful as he approached the animal. So he came near to the anteater like a friend and said, "Hello, my brother, where are you going?"

The anteater did not answer. The lion's heart beat faster with fear of this strange animal. Determining to be brave, the lion continued, "What are you hunting, brother?" But the anteater did not answer.

The lion's fear increased. He decided to try another approach. "What shall I give my brother to eat?" he

asked. Again the anteater was silent.

"Shall I give my brother a goat to eat?" the lion asked. Again the anteater was silent. The lion's heart beat faster and faster.

"Shall I give my brother an antelope?" he asked. The anteater was silent. The lion's fear was almost more than he could endure.

"Shall I give my brother a buffalo to eat?" he asked. The anteater was silent.


The lion continued asking what the anteater would like to eat. He named all the animals he could call to mind. But the anteater was silent. The lion was sure he was about to die, for the anteater was a big animal.

The lion sat down to think about what he could do. He searched his heart for a long time. Finally he said in a soft voice, "Should anyone give my brother ants to eat?"

When the anteater heard this, he laughed with joy for he dearly loved ants. As he laughed, the lion looked at his mouth. Imagine his surprise to see that this big animal did not have teeth like the other big animals of the forest.

The lion slapped himself and cried, "What a fool I have been!" With one quick pounce he was on the defenseless anteater and overcame him.

"Children," the father said, "remember the story of the anteater. Even the lion was afraid of him. But it was the anteater's hunger for ants which killed him. Remember the devil is like the lion. He finds out what you like and then he overcomes you. Be careful."

The father closed his Bible and the children went off to bed. 

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

MISSIONARY HELPERS IN NORTHWESTERN STATES



Aunt Alys and her husband, Rev. Walter Haag, are missionaries to Mexico, you know. This spring they went to the Northwest to take part in missionary conferences, and Aunt Alys held Missionary Helpers meetings, too. Here are pictures of Missionary Helpers Clubs and their leaders and helpers in eight different churches.

(1) Harrah, Wash. (2) Kent, Wash. (3) Toppenish, Wash. (4) Mabton, Wash. (5) Beaverton, Oregon. (6) Grandview, Wash. (7) Portland, Oregon. (8) Richland, Wash.

In pictures 3 and 5 you'll see Aunt Alys with the kids. Aunt Alys says she would like to visit *every* MHC in every Brethren church in the U.S. All you other MHC's would enjoy that, wouldn't you?

HARRY HELPER AND

THOSE MH'ERS MUST HAVE BEEN THRILLED TO HAVE AUNT ALYS COME AND VISIT THEIR CLUBS!



MARY MISSIONARY

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SOME GREAT KIDS OUT THERE IN A GREAT PART OF THE U.S.!



MW



the Creative woman

By Althea S. Miller

Treasures Silence

Creative silence is a lost virtue. Speaking volumes in jot and tittle language is an art mastered by few. Honestly now, don't most of us talk too much and say too little? Why? Is silence strictly just an absence of sound? Is silence an ogre?

In a sense, silence is an overpowering experience which must account somewhat for our fear of it. Ask only a few people their reaction to silence and the gamut of response may well astound you. It's so lonely. Or, it forces me to recall things I'd rather forget. Or, intense silence "discovers" the real me and that's a trying experience. I can't cope with those facets of my personality that float on the periphery of my attention, clamoring for recognition when I am silent. Give me noise and distractions during waking hours; oblivion when I sleep. I can't live with silence.

Such reactions could lead one to believe that silence is a matter only of words or noises. As a matter of fact, people are too preoccupied and frightened with both. Language is one of the most misused of all human commodities. Who can deny the deafening decibels that daily bombard the senses? The human spirit sags under the combined weight of words without meaning and noise bereft of harmony.

Who will "listen" to silence? Why

should I, except for its personal calming effects? With a cacophonous world surrounding, how do I lay hold of silence? What, if any, are its values?

It must surely be time to look at silence for what it is and is not. There is a silence of neglect which is as devastating as meaningless noise. I believe at least some youthful rebellions today can be traced to neglectful silence on the part of a few careless adults. But this is not the aspect of silence I want to explore. We'll attempt to examine some implications of creative silence.

For one thing, I know the silence of understanding has been a genuine blessing in my life. In times of grief how comforting is the presence of a fellow believer who ministers sometimes wordlessly but always effectively, language of the body and spirit. You sense the undergirding of the prayers of such a friend. Talk about blessed silence!

In the dark silences of life's night, you surely have revelled in the hope you have in God. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Ps. 42:5). In the silence of hope you may know rejoicing (Rom. 12:12) and abound in it (Rom. 15:5). Give wings to your heart as it leaps to great expectations in the cooling shadow of God's love as revealed in Christ, your hope.

Silent, but strong has been your struggle with sin—the world's and

yours. How often you have wrestled with the concepts of truth, eventualities, potentials, realities, finding no solution in the recesses of your storm-tossed heart. Then without voice, you learned victory in the pervading presence of silence in your Father-God. Sweet rest after great, silent struggle.

When all circumstances scream No! it cannot be done, your senses boggle at the inherent power of silent faith in God's ability to perform. Words are not necessary. You walk simply, surely in the silent assurance of God's faithfulness in response to your faith in Him. "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" Jesus asks. Your heart cries out "Yea, Lord" (Matt. 9:28).

The silence of sorrow crushes your heart; there are no words to creatively comfort. But in the silent reaches of God's heart of love you find solace. Sorrow then is crushed and you are victor through Christ your Lord.


When song and gratitude cascade from your being with the abandonment of rushing waters, a silence of healing joy suffuses your heart. The roar of release like the waterfalls gives cool refreshment to others; reveals beauty to the eyes of your soul. What triumph in the silence of God's joy!

Surprises, both good and not so good, often come silently—leaving us wordless but using other senses to express emotions. God's nuggets of surprise are always precious.

After the tumult of wars and fears how sweet is the healing power of God's silence. Like the people in Jesus' day, you know "the power of the Lord [that] was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17).

In every aspect of the many faceted gem, silence—understanding, hope, struggle, faith, sorrow, joy, surprise, healing, your Father has one great overall purpose. He wants your undivided attention so His voice comes through clear, undistorted.

It was not until after the frightening, devastatingly strong wind, devastating earthquake, searing, soaring fire that Elijah really heard God speak. Nor did He roar and shout. The elements did that. Then Elijah heard the "still small voice."

With this knowledge I will no longer fear, for in the secret silence of His presence my soul delights to hide. 

Church News

WHITTIER, CALIF. Family Nite Services—something new and different—each Wednesday night during the summer at First Brethren Church. The unique feature about this program is that every member of the family will study the same Bible lesson. The Gospel of John will be studied during the thirteen-week schedule. A particular passage is assigned for each week, and the family can study it together. The same lesson is taught in each class, using materials and techniques suitable for the particular age level. The same memory verse (or portion of it) will be learned by all the family. Jesse Deloe, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Pastor John Talley of the North Riverdale Brethren Church had the misfortune of breaking his leg during a church baseball game. Remember to uphold him and the church in your prayers at this time.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. The Boy's Brigade participated in a district track meet on May 22, at Des Moines. The Dallas Center unit came in second place in a competition with 35 boys. Dave Marshall, son of the James Marshalls, was awarded the prize for the best athlete of the day. Bob Wenger also won several first places and Clark Hawbaker took first in the broad jump. After the field events the whole group went to a Smorgasboard restaurant for a banquet. James Marshall, pastor.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. "THANK YOU, Navajo Mission, for including us on your itinerary." May 16 was a "red-letter" day for several churches in the Michigan area as they met at the Lake Odessa church for a combined evening service. A group from the Mission presented a wonderful program to an audience of 246. Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to these young people testify of their love for the true God, Jesus Christ the Saviour. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

OKEECHOBEE, FLA. Rev. Gerald Root has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church. His plans for the future are indefinite.

CHANGES. We have been requested to again urge you, if you have not done so, to change the address in the Brethren *Annual* for the Grace Brethren Church of Cypress, Calif., and for Pastor Paul D. Morris. The address for both of these is the same: 5722 Lakia Dr., Cypress, Calif. 90630, phone—(714) 893-1749. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden, R. R. 8, Warsaw, Ind. 46580.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A "Great American Rally" is planned for Sunday, Aug. 8, during national conference. The rally will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle. All churches within driving distance are encouraged to dismiss their evening service and to urge their people to attend this great rally, with Dr. William Ward Ayer as the speaker.

CAMP TUK-A-WAY, CATAWBA, VA. The Hall memorial Cabin was dedicated on May 23 at the close of the Southeast District Conference. Gifts in memory of Rev. Charlie Hall were given by many friends and churches of the Southeast District so that the memory of this servant of the Lord would be a continuing testimony.

Mrs. Charlie Hall and her family are most appreciative of the demonstration of love and esteem shown for their loved one, and wish to express their thankfulness to all.

LUGNY, FRANCE. The Chateau de St. Albain gave a joyous welcome to Janine Marie on May 11. Janine's mother and father are Sherry and Dan Hammers, missionaries at the Chateau.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. The 19th annual meeting of the Association of Christian Deans and Advisors of Men elected Arnold R. Kriegbaum as president for a two-year term. He had previously served as secretary-treasurer for three years. Mr. Kriegbaum is Dean of Students at Grace College.

The association includes some 80 colleges and universities from the entire United States and Canada, with a membership of about 200 deans. The vice president is John Erwin of Birmingham, Ala.; and the secretary-treasurer is Donald Urey of Lancaster, Pa.

The 1971 convention was held at Bethany College, Oklahoma City, June 7-10. The 1972 conference will be held June 12-15 at Huntington College, Huntington, Ind.; and the 1973 meeting will be convened at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn. Grace College hosted the conference in 1970.

FINDLAY, OHIO. "Recently we have enjoyed the blessings of a good week of Prophetic Bible messages presented by Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, Sr., of Longview, Texas, and an excellent service presented by the Joyful Sounds of Grace Schools." Glenn Coats, pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. A combination farewell surprise fellowship was enjoyed after an evening service for the George Cone family and the Tom McDairmants. The church here has been profiting from the fellowship of these two families for recent months but now must see them leave for other areas. The McDairmants moved to California and the Cones to Winona Lake where Mr. Cone will begin more schooling.

Praise is due the Lord for another record broken—on June 3 there were 104 present at the morning worship service. (The building is progressing—waiting a roof.) William Tweeddale, pastor.

SINKING SPRING, OHIO. A step of faith was taken as the Grace Brethren Church voted unanimously to have their pastor serve on a full-time basis beginning July 1. He has already resigned his teaching position. God has answered the prayers of His children and now we look to Him for continued blessings. J. Paul Reno, pastor.

RED BLUFF, CALIF. "Due to last minute change, the June 12 new's brief regarding Melford H. Grimm being called to pastor the Fillmore Brethren Church should be disregarded." Mel Grimm.

NEUHALDENSTR, GERMANY. "We have been able to present the claims of Christ in a meaningful way to dozens. Many of the conversations have lasted an hour or more. . . . Our efforts to reach Germans here have also brought us into contact with Americans (there are nearly 40,000 in the Stuttgart area) and we've had the thrill of helping two teen-age fellows come to know Christ. . . . Please continue to pray and we will seek to be faithful in sowing—He will give the increase!"

"We rejoice in one Christian we have found who is not already affiliated with a local church, who knows of our plans and goals, and continues to show more and more interest in worshiping with us. We have spent many hours with Paul in an effort to bring him to maturity in Christ. When we recently spoke of going home for a short furlough this summer (July 13—Oct. 11), he expressed interest in doing some projects we had discussed so they would be ready when we returned. That was a real encouragement to us. . . . Thanks for caring, for praying, and for giving. Please remember three things specifically: decisions for Christ, new facilities (apartment and meeting rooms) in a strategic part of town, others to join us in this endeavor for Him. Nancy, Roger, Ryan and Philip Peugh."

IT'S GETTING CLOSER! The new Sunday-school year quarter arrangement begins in less than two months! Until now, churches have followed a *calendar* quarter system, but starting in September we will move to a *seasonal* quarter system. (See the chart below.)

Numerous advantages to this system include: The new system follows the pattern of the seasons, making it possible to tie in the content better. It makes it possible to start the Sunday-school year when students are beginning a

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Rebecca McDaniel and Joseph Wicks, May 1, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Darlene Kelly and Ronald Burkey, May 8, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Linda Jean Wentz and Paul Allan Ream, May 22, Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Rev. Ralph Burns, a former pastor, performed the marriage ceremony.

Gloria Jean Brumbaugh and Lanny Lingenfelter, May 8, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Susan Beers and Paul Greasley, June 5, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Sharon Campbell and Timothy Rager, June 5, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., with the father of the groom, Rev. Don Rager, pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., performing the ceremony. Tim is assistant to the managing editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* Co.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BOTTEICHER, Mrs. Ada Mae, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., went to be with the Lord June 8. Wesley Haller, pastor.

GARDNER, Frank 72, Johnstown city engineer, died May 13. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Wesley Haller, pastor.

GARRETT, Mrs. Luther, a long-standing member of the Grace Brethren Church of Palmyra, Pa., went to be with the Lord on May 7. Arthur R. Frank, pastor.

HORNER, Alma, 68, a deaconess and Sunday-school teacher at the Vicksburg Brethren Church, Hollidaysburg, Pa., passed away May 20. Her son, Donald, 44, passed away May 21. Donald was also a member of the Vicksburg Brethren Church. He was released from the Altoona V. A. Hospital to visit his family and mother, and returned to the hospital where he died in the night. Richard Harstine, pastor.

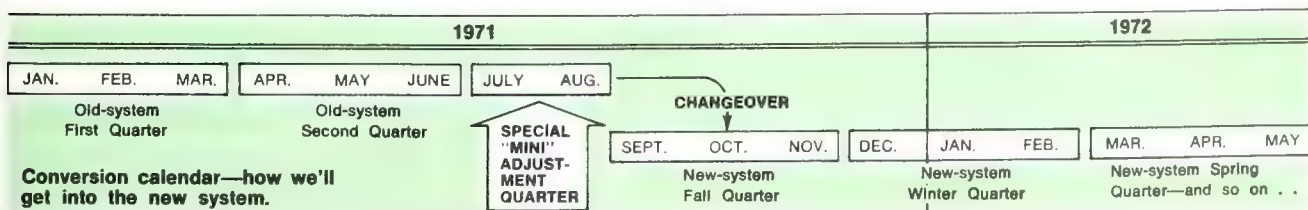
LOWN, Cora Edith, 81, died Apr. 23. She was a faithful member of the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, since 1903 although she could not attend the last 15 years. Keith L. Zook, pastor.

MOWRER, Ira, 72, went to be with his Lord May 22. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio. Knute Larson, pastor.

TARR, Raymond, 70, was taken to be with the Lord on May 3. He had been a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Kittanning, Pa., since 1948 and was serving as treasurer of the building fund. Since Mr. Tarr was a bricklayer he had a notable part in the construction of both the parsonage and the Sunday-school annex. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Wayne Baker, assisted by Rev. Ron Jurke.

new school year. Easter will be in the same quarter each year. The peak mailing period for the winter quarter will be in November instead of December, thus avoiding the Christmas mailing rush.

And a reminder! Order your supplies from the *Missionary Herald* in plenty of time for the September quarter—at least by July 15. Write or phone us, too, if you have any major problems.



God's Plan FOR My Life

By Carol
Ann Tweeddale
Pastor's Wife
St. Petersburg, Florida



As a small child I was brought up in the lap of luxury, my father was a wealthy man and we were waited on hand and foot by upstairs and downstairs maids. We knew nothing of God or His son Jesus Christ. My parents were content with making and spending money. The Bible says: "How difficult it is for those who have great possessions to enter the kingdom of God! A camel could squeeze through the eye of a needle more easily than a rich man could get into the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:24-25 Phillips). However, God in His graciousness saw fit to save my parents • 1 they both accepted Christ as their own personal Saviour.

One evening when I was ten years old, my father pointed me to Jesus Christ and I, too, accepted Him as my personal Saviour. One by one our maids found Christ; everyone who came into contact with my parents received a witness. It was like an epidemic, it was natural and explosive, this power that Jesus had in our family. One by one our relatives found Christ as Saviour, and our neighbors, too.

For the next twenty years my parents held Bible clubs in the ghettos of South Harrisburg. When I was thirteen years of age, I started teaching in these clubs and saw boys and girls come to know Christ as Saviour. I believe this is where the Lord first gave me a desire to witness and tell others about Jesus Christ. Even after we were married my husband and I held clubs in our home.

While attending Barrington College in Rhode Island, I met and married Bill. Becoming a pastor's wife was one of the greatest challenges in my life because here I would be privileged to serve God full time with my husband.

Upon completion of studies at Grace Seminary, my husband accepted a call to an Independent church in Pennsylvania. After ministering there for three years, God began to speak to us about New Testament baptism. As we studied the Word regarding baptism we soon both felt led of the Lord to become Triune Immersed and to join

the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Our first opportunity to serve in a Brethren church was in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where God blessed greatly and where we saw many lives changed because they found Christ as Saviour. We praise the Lord for His leading in our lives and for the opportunity we had of serving Him in Lancaster.

God has a plan for each Christian, and the next step in His plan for us was to bring us to St. Petersburg, Florida. This is a beautiful city with miles and miles of white sandy beaches. The city has three hundred thousand people, most of whom do not know Christ as Saviour, nor do they even attend any church on a regular basis. It is a city of opportunity and challenge, and we consider it a great privilege to serve the Lord here. In our door-to-door visitation on any given day, we find about three quarters of the people are not even interested in their own spiritual welfare or destiny.

We are in the midst of a building program and God has richly blessed in this area. We thank God for sending Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keyser to work on our building. Our expectation is that God will continue to bless this work and soon we will be expanding and using all the ground that God has given to us.

A great miracle of God has been the families He has sent to us from many different states to help in this work. We continually praise God for each person He has sent and we have the assurance that God is building this church.

Our WMC is growing. We now have eighteen active members and find our monthly meetings to be not only spiritually helpful but equally enjoyable, too, in Christian fellowship. We have a great group of ladies who are eager to witness each day for Jesus Christ. Most of our women are Sunday-school teachers and see many souls won to Christ in their weekly classes.

God is richly blessing here in St. Pete., and we thank the Lord for this opportunity to serve Him in this great city. There is much to be done here and many souls who need Jesus Christ. We would appreciate your prayers for us and for our church.

Heaven's Hotline

My Lord and I share a private line,
Where friend nor foe can listen in,
As we commune together
He guards my heart from sin.

There's never a busy signal
When I decide to call.
I keep no secrets from Him,
Since I yielded Him my all.

He's never too busy to answer
As He hears my faintest plea.
In throes of rush hour traffic,
Or in quiet room on bended knee.

Sweet words of praise and honor flow,
Touching His listening ear.
I'm conscious of His presence;
He seems so very near.

My heart pours out thanksgiving
For all that He has done.
I've tasted the abundant life,
Provided by His Son.

He keeps track of petitions,
As I sight them one by one.
His wealth can't be exhausted,
And can be compared to none.

He listens to confession
Of bygone days of shame,
Forgiving me for everything,
New victory to claim.

He's waiting for you to call Him;
Your burden He wants to bear.
Bow your heart in sweet surrender,
And commune with Him in prayer.

—June Ferguson

*Grace Brethren Church
Arvada, Colorado*



IOWA DISTRICT

There are two special times here in the Iowa District for our WMC ladies and these are the spring and fall rallies. Last October, we traveled through the wooded hills and over the rolling plains to our church in Waterloo. It happened to be a cold, windy, rainy day on the outside, but our hearts were warmed by the hospitality given to us by the Waterloo ladies. It was our privilege to have Mrs. Ruth Messerschmidt for our speaker for the day and our hearts were challenged by her to pray more ardently and faithfully for our missionaries. The theme for our rally was "Living Water for the Chad" as our district project offering was given for the printing of commentaries for our African national pastors. We saw the Lord supply the need in an abundant way as our total was \$297.

Winter came with lots and lots of snow and as it began to melt and the spring flowers began to peek their heads up through the ground, our thoughts began to turn afresh to the

planting and sowing of His Word that lives might experience the abundant life, too. April 1 arrived and our rally was held at the Carlton Brethren Church in Garwin, Iowa. Emphasizing both home and foreign missions, we had chosen the theme, "Spanning the Globe—Making Him Known through Home and Foreign Missions." Representing foreign missions our morning devotions were given by Mrs. Duey Voorhees. She related interesting experiences gained as dorm parents in Africa. In the afternoon, our speaker was Miss Marian Thurston who challenged us to pray and to give our children completely to the Lord Jesus so He might use them in His service.

Our offering project for the spring rally had been to underwrite a three-month salary for a Navajo staff member, and our goal had been set for \$300. We prayed, and the Lord answered with an offering of \$497.13. Offerings are material blessings we can see. But this year we've seen our ladies laying a good foundation in each of their lives, and I feel the offerings have only been a small result of this.

WMC means to me, women who

are really manifesting Christ. We have seen the increase in daily Bible reading at a rate of over 70 percent across our district this past year. What joy it has been for me to have heard countless times: "I've just finished reading my Bible through for the first time," or, "I've almost finished with the Old Testament and for the first time I'm going to finish reading my Bible through." Oh, that we might love His precious Word and that it might permeate our lives so that we would live for Him.

In our district, we note that a new fervency for prayer and tract distribution is at an all-time high. Even though we have seen victory in many areas, I feel that we have only begun to know in a small way what the Lord Jesus was talking about when He spoke of the possibility of having life more abundantly.

Generally speaking, I see the lives of some WMC women and SMM girls that do not differ to any great extent from the lives of other folks around them. They share the same fears, express the same doubts, feel the same uncertainties as do the unsaved. The peace of God and the joy of Christ are little in evidence. The power of the Holy Spirit is not appropriated.

If we are to have an abundant life, it must originate with the individual believer. I see here a great need for personal heart searching by each of us. The sin which is spoiling lives, must be judged and then put away. The selfishness which is robbing Christ of the love and devotion which are His due, must be confessed and removed. The ambition and desires which hinder the work of Christ must be uprooted. Oh, that we would stop majoring on the minors, and get into His Word as it is the only way today that He can speak to us. The Lord Jesus wants to live in us so that He can love and serve others through our lives.

God wants us to be women that say yes to His plan for our lives. May we be women who are available for God to direct as He pleases and accept from Him the achievement of the impossible (Luke 1:37). Might the very condition of the present day lead each of us to a reassessment of values and a fresh stirring of love for the Lord Jesus that we might really know the *abundant life*.

—Barbara Brotherton

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By Irene Secaur
Indiana District WMC
Elkhart, Indiana

Living

GOD!

It is a great privilege to serve the *living* God. The Hebrew Christians needed to be reminded of this just as we do today.

In the Scripture passage that the Indiana District WMC is memorizing this year (Heb. 13:1-9), there are several duties that apply to us today. (The Bible is one book that never becomes outdated.)

In our first verse we are admonished to—"Let brotherly love continue." It is most difficult to love the unlovely. David loved Saul who was continually seeking to kill him. So we need to cultivate love for those with whom we may differ or have personality clashes. Yes, we need to strive to keep the command of Jesus found in John 15:12.

In the second verse we are told to

entertain or be hospitable to strangers. "Me! I can't do that. My home and furnishings are early Dracula, and my china is mixed-matched, and besides that I'm terribly shy." Are we missing the blessing of having God's servants in our homes with these lame excuses? Are we missing the opportunity of even winning a soul for Christ by refusing to open our homes for entertaining the stranger, the needy and friendless?

We find there were those in jail for their preaching of the Gospel. The third verse tells us we should have compassion remembering—"A cup of cold water given in my name." It has been said that compassion is having someone else's ache in our hearts.

In this day when Satan is fighting the very foundations of our nation—

our homes—we need to diligently teach the sanctity of marriage. When there are those who teach "free love," we as Christians need to teach God's attitude toward immorality and adultery. A proper sex relationship belongs in the contract of marriage. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

We are admonished to be content with things that we have. Mothers, are we working because there is a need or are we trying to keep up with the Joneses? (which is covetousness). Have we lost sight of the contentment to be found in living wholly for Christ who has promised to never leave us nor forsake us?

Because we are trusting Christ for our needs we can say: "The Lord is
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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER — 1971

AFRICA

- Miss Rosella Cochran September 1
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Rev. Arthur Carey September 7
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miss Ruth Snyder September 8
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Mr. Eric Cazes September 9
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Agnes Aellig September 24, 1969
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Mrs. Gilbert Aellig September 25
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.

EUROPE

- Becky Jean Julien September 28, 1956
30 - Gambetta, 71 - Macon, France.

- Miss Lila Sheely September 30
c/o Chateau de St. Albain, 71-Lugny, France.

MEXICO

- Mrs. Walter E. Haag September 11
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073.

IN THE UNITED STATES

- Mrs. Loree Sickel September 10
1214 E. 59th Street, Long Beach, California 90805.
- Mrs. Donald G. Hocking September 11
c/o 650 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90814.
- Mrs. George E. Cone September 23
P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
- Linda Kay Walker September 24, 1956
1 N. Metzger Avenue, Rittman, Ohio 44270.
- Nancy Lynn McDairmant September 30, 1959
c/o Mr. Thomas C. McDairmant, P.O. Box 3553, Long Beach, California 90803.

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my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me," verse 6. Oh! the joy of depending entirely upon the Lord without fear of man and seeing Him work. What better way to bring praise to our Lord than being able to say, "The Lord has supplied all my needs." God has promised, let us believe Him.

"Remember them which have the rule over you . . ." (13:7). How thankful we should be for the shepherds of the flocks who have taught us the Word of God. As they have given us good things of their lives, we should follow their faith in God. As a mother weeps and prays that her children will be yielded to God's will, so our pastors long for a flock yielded to God's will. Let us show forth our thanks by acts of love and help.

All these things are made possible by a never changing Christ—"the same yesterday . . . to day . . . for ever." Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

Christian, be on guard for strange doctrines or unstable ideas. False religions try to snare those not well grounded in Christ. Cults and isms are built on self-righteousness and the works of the flesh. Our spiritual

strength comes as a gift of God.

May we each one strive to memorize Hebrews 13:1-9 and let it speak to our hearts and "be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only . . ." (James 1:22).

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We can be thankful
if our life is some-
what of a grind, for
this can keep our
good points from
getting dull.

Time is so power-
ful, so important,
God gives it to us
only in small doses.

A way to help me
mature in my
Christian life.



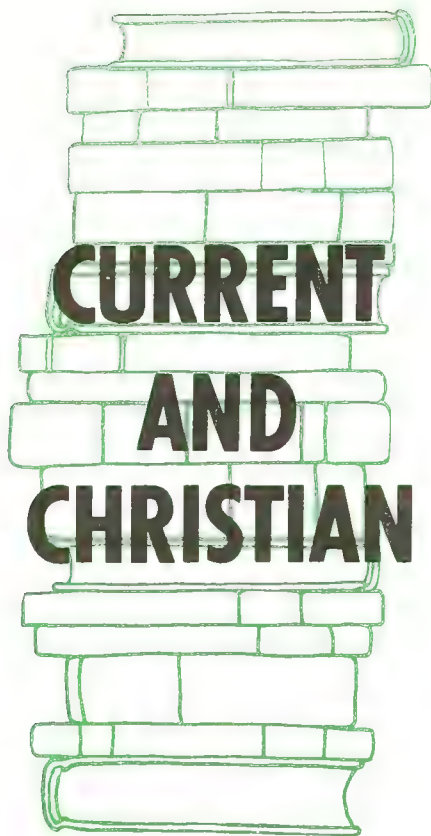
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Eyewitness, John's View of Jesus

Gladys Hunt (Wheaton: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1971), 87 pages, \$1.25.

This is a study for small group discussion. Using the inductive study or asking questions on the text to discover what it is saying, the Gospel of John is covered in twenty-four lessons. It does not contain the answers to the questions or give answers for the leader of the group. The intent is to lead the group into discussion and to reach the proper conclusions through a series of questions presented in a proper sequence. If the book is used in a correct manner and the individuals will spend time in study it could be very profitable. One word of caution—the text used is RSV which could make it a definite problem to some. —CWT

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. We pay postage.

Man--God's Eternal Creation

R. Laird Harris (Chicago: Moody Press, 1971), 190 pages, cloth, \$4.95.

Dr. R. Laird Harris, Dean of Faculty and Professor of Old Testament at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, is widely known for his contributions to Old Testament studies and for his support of Biblical inerrancy. This book, which might be better entitled, "Man's Origin and Ancient Israel," is written for the non-specialist.

In the reviewer's opinion, Dr. Harris is at his best in discussing the unique institutions and faith of Israel (pp. 93-184), especially the expectation of bodily resurrection (pp. 164-173).

The early chapters of the book deal with Genesis 1-11, with helpful discussions on anthropomorphisms (pp. 19-20), evolution (pp. 26-46), and the problems of dating and interpreting human fossils (pp. 51-71). However, the day-age view of Genesis 1 is rather uncritically presented (pp. 47-50), with the assurance "that there is no present conflict between the newer (scientific) theories and the Bible, nor are there prospects of such a future conflict" (p. 50). One wonders how many leading scientists would agree with Dr. Harris (and the Bible) that all of nature (including animals) was in harmony with man at the beginning (p. 177)!

His treatment of the Flood is equally perplexing. Dr. Harris feels that it was probably "a rainstorm in the Mesopotamian locality and other lower latitudes and a snowstorm on the mountains and in Siberia and northern regions. The tops of the mountains on this view were hidden by the storm and covered with snow" (p. 85). But Genesis 7:19-20 does not say merely that Noah *thought* the highest mountains were covered with water!

The book has many very helpful discussions, but its usefulness would have been increased with Scripture and topical indexes.—*John C. Whitcomb, Jr., professor of Old Testament and Theology, Grace Theological Seminary.*

Dare to Discipline

James Dobson (Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1970), 224 pages, \$3.95.

Profound truth is often best expressed in simple language. Such is the case with the new book by Dr. Dobson *Dare to Discipline*. The author combines technical knowledge, personal experience, common sense, and Biblical wisdom to formulate a workable approach to discipline problems.

Here are some of the characteristics that make this an outstanding and refreshing book. (1) Both the discipline problems of the home and the classroom are presented. He does not fail to deal with the most difficult problems that may be encountered. (2) Real-life examples of the various problems are interspersed throughout the chapters. In other words, the book is not just another theoretical dissertation. (3) Problems of every age are dealt with. The book does not concentrate on just one or two particular age groups. Rather, the author switches easily from talking about problems with toddlers to giving advice on the older teenager. (4) Dr. Dobson's "Short Essay on Child Discipline," if followed, will guide you in effective training methods and procedures. (5) The book is timely. Our disastrous college campus problems are seen for what they are: the result of violating the universal laws of discipline. Furthermore, the villains are plainly named: those who taught neo-Freudianism during the 1950's and the early part of the 1960's. Dr. Dobson says we are now reaping the monstrous harvest of that permissive philosophy. (6) A "down-home" humor pervades the whole book. Many hard-to-swallow principles are made to go down easier with a little humor. (7) Almost every chapter contains a question and answer session at the end. This is one of the most valuable contributions of the work. (8) The chapter on drug abuse is worth the price of the book. It must be one of the best concise presentations of drug descriptions, symptoms, and effects that is in print. (9) Best of all, the author is a Christian as well as a psychologist. His principles are soundly based on the Bible; in fact, many Bible verses and passages are quoted.—*Merlin Berkey, pastor, Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio*

THE JERUSALEM CONFERENCE™

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all that bad, and some day, in spite of pollution, war, famine, crime, immorality, and catastrophe, humanity will finally grow up and suddenly solve all her problems.

The second is less naive. It is to admit that the Bible, though the oldest of all books, presents an accurate analysis of the world in the closing days of our present civilization. But though man has made a mess out of God's beautiful world, all is not lost, for Jesus is coming back. The earth will be restored to its original freshness. Mankind will know universal peace.

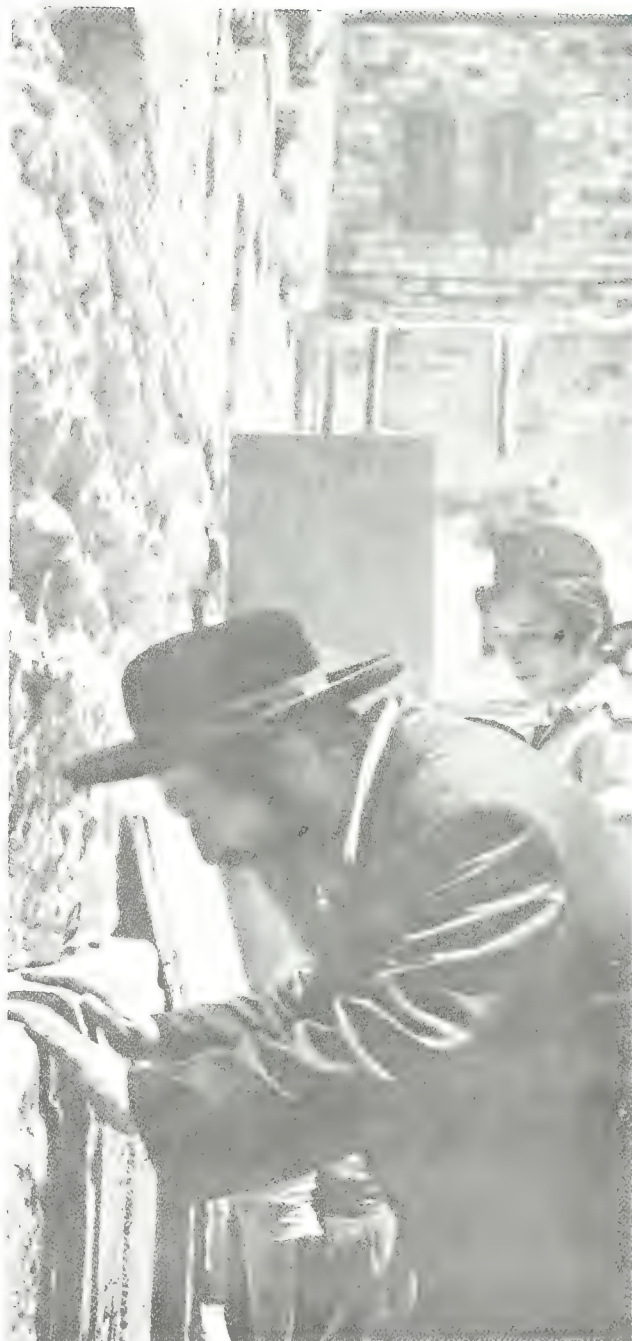
There is yet a third reason that the Jerusalem conference may cause people to take prophecy seriously: it is that the conference organizers have themselves taken it seriously.

Anyone who has glanced over the program for the conference realizes that special pains were taken that this would not just be another meeting where speakers would lay out a timetable for the future, complete to the last horn of Daniel's beast. In fact, conference leaders have pointed out that one of the reasons for the meeting was to try to repair damage caused by some prophetic teachers who have been too extravagant in their affirmations. The Jerusalem conference should be beneficial in brightening the image of Biblical prophecy in Christianity as a whole.

An impressive array of evangelical personalities were assembled at Jerusalem in the middle of June to be greeted by the Honorable David Ben Gurion and officially received by the mayor of the city, Teddy Kollek. In three packed days the registrants had the privilege of listening to such men as Merrill Tenney, John Wolvoord, Charles Feinberg, Wilbur Smith, W. A. Criswell, Tom Skinner, Harold Ockenga and Carl F. H. Henry—to name only part of the participants. Music was provided by Jerome Hines, Anita Bryant, the forty-two voice Azusa Pacific College Choir and the Israeli Symphony.

The final message, entitled "The Gospel and the Nations," was delivered by John Stott, honorary chaplain for the Queen of England, and one of Britain's outstanding evangelical leaders.

The Wailing
Wall at
Jerusalem



Care was taken to present more than one opinion on certain controversial subjects, such as the rebuilding of the temple and the future of Israel. A Jewish Rabbi was invited to present his views. For the most part the program reflected a desire to treat the broad and practical areas of prophetic truth, rather than some of the more controversial theories that have tended to divide Christians and cloud over the glory of His return.

In fact, the spiritual unity of all those who participated was graphically displayed on the last morning of the

conference, when Christians of all denominations and many nations joined ranks in a procession to the Mount of Olives in order to participate in a service of communion and dedication to the One who will some day return to that very spot.

And the final blast of the conference trumpets was a moving reminder that some day the last trump would resound, and the Lord himself would descend from heaven.

May God use the Jerusalem conference to help turn the eyes of the world upon Him in these troubled times. ☞

The Jerusalem Conference

By Tom Julien

Missionary to France

(First of a series of articles)

When this copy of the *Herald* reaches your home, most of the registrants of the Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy will be returning to theirs.

Held from June 15-18 in the gigantic modern Jerusalem Convention Center, the gathering has been called the "highlight of Christian activities in 1971." This statement was made by John Alexander, editor of *Christian Life* magazine, who admits to becoming more and more astonished at the close parallel between Biblical prophecy and present world affairs.

This world-wide meeting of Christians at Jerusalem was the first of its kind in the history of Christendom, according to the organizers. In fact, the only other Jerusalem conference on record is the one described in Acts 15: the meeting of the leaders of the Early Church to solve the problems raised by the admission of non-Jews to its membership.

This historic gathering might well spark renewed interest in serious prophetic study. And for several reasons.

First, the very fact that the conference was held in Jerusalem underlined forcefully the actuality of prophecy in today's world. The messages were given in the very setting where many of the predictions for the end times were given, and where they will be fulfilled.

The great prophetic conferences of the past brought prophecy before a small segment of the church, but only those who were willing to exercise real faith took these truths seriously. Who would have dreamed, except for a perceptive minority of Christians, that within a few decades Jewish people from all over the world would be streaming into the land of their forefathers? For centuries the explicit predictions of the return of the Jews and the reestablishment of the kingdom have either been ignored or spiritualized.

The Jerusalem conference will help change this, by calling the attention of Christians to the fact that events in the world now make Bible prophecy read like the daily paper. When you travel around that amazing little country called Israel you see prophecy being fulfilled before your eyes. And, more sobering, the ever-present symbols of war make you realize that much of this prophecy involves suffering.

This pervading feeling of anxiety is not limited to Israel—the whole world feels it. And this in itself is a second reason that the Jerusalem conference ought to help publicize the urgency of prophetic study.

A recent issue of *Scientific American* carried an editorial entitled, "Is history coming to a catastrophic end?" Carl F. H. Henry, program chairman of the conference, stated in his opening remarks: "In a day when men wonder if pollution will revert the earth to its primeval desolation, if population explosion will threaten global survival, or if atomic warfare will erase the last remnants of civilization, we continue to believe that human destiny is su-

premely in God's hands, and that He will determine the final chapter of earthly history."

Some people are beginning to realize that there are only two ways to remain optimistic in today's world. The first (which is incidentally the incredible position of many otherwise intelligent people) is to swallow hard and say that even though evidence points to the contrary, things are not

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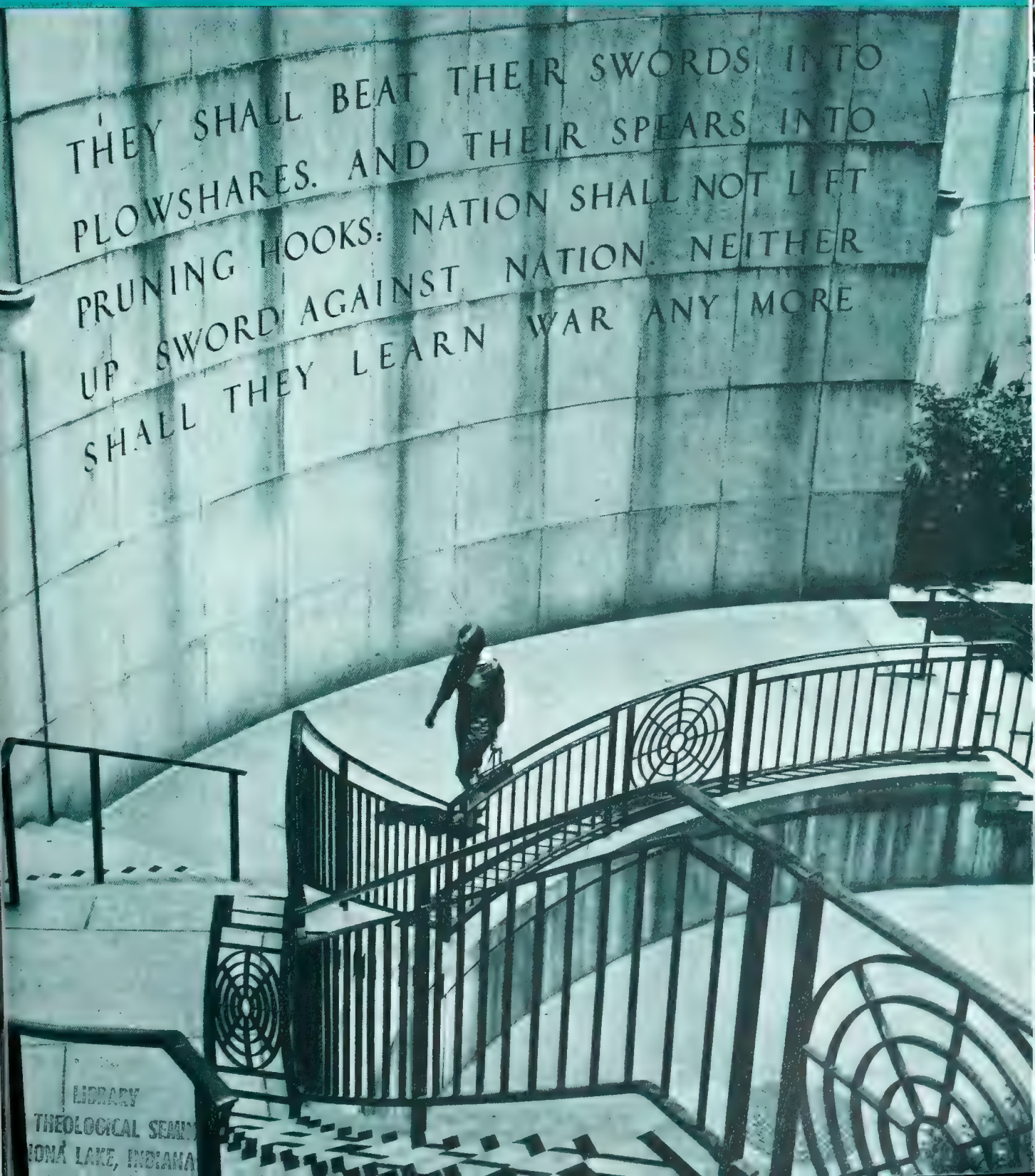


Pilgrims on the Via Dolorosa
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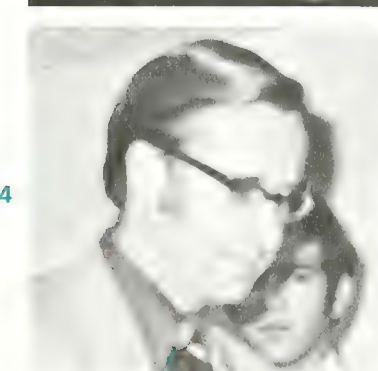
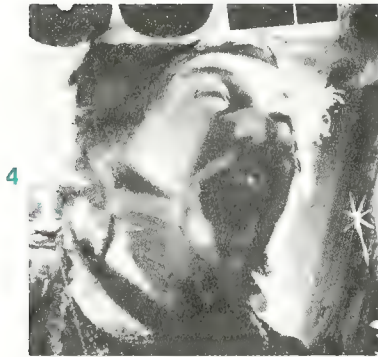
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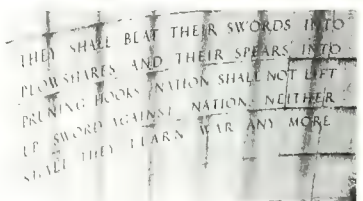
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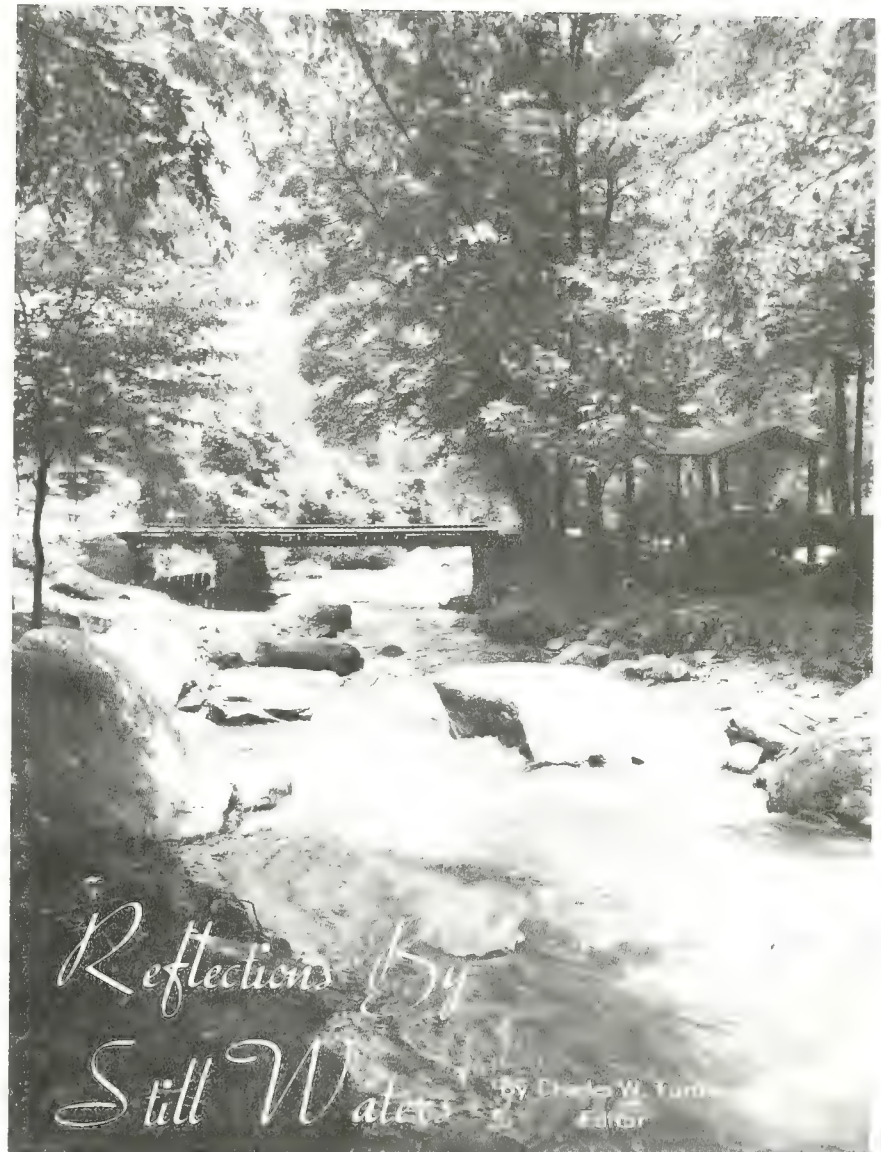
Thoughts on Change

We are confronted with the constant reminder that we are in a period of change. From the viewpoint of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual we are very hesitant to deny the statement. Change has always been the pathway that mankind has walked, but our generation is walking on this path at a stepped-up pace. An ancient philosopher by the name of Heraclitus observed the change going on round about him in ancient Greece. In seeking to explain the events he surmised that no man ever stepped into the same river. He was observing that the man had changed since the last time he came to the river and the river was not the same because all of the water had long since flowed to the sea and it was all new.

Most people become restless and hesitant in the presence of change because they are not certain what it will be like once a change has taken place. Change really involves the matter of altering or substituting something for something else; or of giving up something for another object. When we do this, the object that we are to receive in exchange is not fully known. We are not too certain that the change will be a good one until experience teaches us the wisdom, or lack of wisdom, of the decision.

Change in itself can be for either bad or good. It all depends on the net result of the exchange. To change one's car, home, clothing, or job can possibly result in either good for the individual or it might result in bad effects. The actions by themselves may not involve great moral implications. Yet, to change one's worship of the true God to a false worship, or to change one's wife or husband may involve great spiritual and moral implications. Change then can be good or bad.

All of us, from time to time, have heard someone say—"But we have always done it this way!" Many Christians oppose change for change sake and quote the passage of Hebrews 13:8 which says, "Jesus Christ the



same yesterday, and to day and for ever." This is speaking of the person of Christ and it does not deal with the fact that even God uses change to work His plan and will (cf. Heb. 1:1-3).

If the church had opposed change just because it was change, it would not have responded to the coming of the era of the Sunday school some one hundred years ago as a new method of imparting truth; nor would it have been blessed by the printing press that made the Word of God so accessible to man. The mass use of the media of radio and TV to preach to countless millions of people would have also been missed. Thus, change in itself is not the question. The test is whether it is in accordance with God's Word, thus resulting in good and the furtherance

of the cause of Jesus Christ.

I have personally enjoyed the fruits of change in my lifetime. It has opened new vistas and exposed me to new countries and cultures that I would have never seen nor met if I had lived in a former generation. The jet engine affected a technical change that has resulted in opening the globe to people.

The greatest change of all is the spiritual impact of regeneration or salvation. It makes possible the transformation of the person as death is exchanged for life; sin is replaced by God's Holy Spirit; despair is displaced by hope; and heaven becomes the destination instead of hell. When by faith the life is placed in the hands of God, this change will result in the greatest of all experiences of life.

The Menace of the Satanic Media

By Lester E. Pifer



As men thirst
after worship of
a supreme being,
they are being duped
into worship of the
one who desired
to "be like
the most high."

"People kill themselves in the most attractive environments" was the answer given to a *Time* reporter when a San Franciscan was asked about the escalating rate of suicides in that modern American metropolitan center. A recent periodical continues to shock the world with electric news: "Marilyn Monroe: dead in California. Robert Kennedy: dead in California. Sharon Tate: dead in California. Diane Linkletter: dead in California. The girl in the polka dot dress: dead in California. Thirty bodies of migrant workers found in California." Death is most attractive in California as presented in the drama of TV. Here again, Hollywood is reflecting the mood of total America.

"I like killing people because it is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal of all to kill something gives me the most thrilling experience. . . . the best part of it is that when I die I will be reborn in paradise and all the I have killed will become my slaves I will not give you my name because you will try to slow down or stop my collecting of slaves for my after life. . . ." This quotation from a letter signed by a circle bisected by a cross, its arms extending beyond the circle: "This is the Zodiac speaking. . . ." What is the agency of this growing aberration—madness, drugs, Satanic manifestation or the product of a Spock oriented society?

George Spahn's ranch, once the scene of the old western movie set for Tom Mix, Johnny Mack Brown, Hoot Gibson, Wallace Beery, the Cisco Kid and the Lone Ranger; became the infamous setting for one of the strangest and yet brutal religious sects yet to be "spahned" in our nation. George Spahn allowed a visiting clan to take residence in his decayed guest home because they were friendly to an old blind man. In this crude home on the range, the Charlie Manson sect conceived and planned one of the most

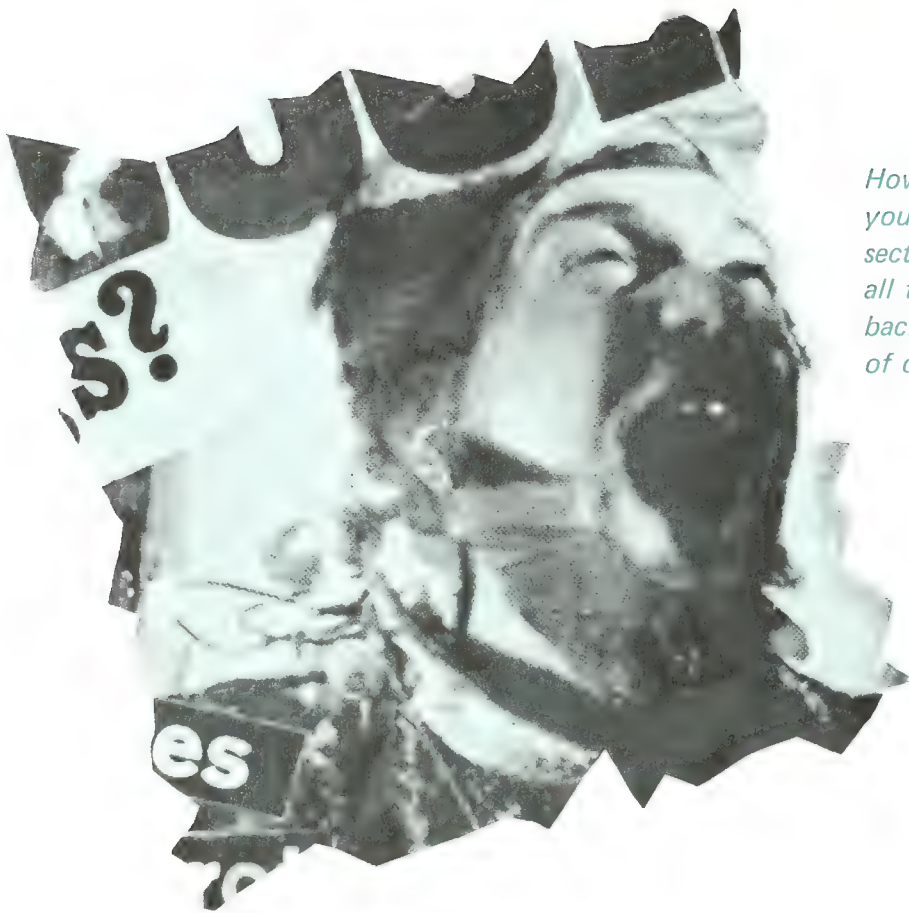
shocking murders of our day. The adherents, with minds fogged by drugs, alcohol, lust and a strange religious hypnosis, were whipped into a frenzy of the most vicious act of murder in our time. How is it, that well-meaning, educated youth can become so involved in a sect and its actions that they forget all the restraints of family, religious background, society and even the laws of our country?

Devil worship, varied forms of astrology, and strange religious sects are growing at an astronomical rate in America. The cross, blood of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God are being transformed into satanic manifestations denoting the very opposite of the revelation of God. The sayings of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation are being attributed to the devil rather than our Lord Jesus Christ. Seemingly, the spirit of man, thirsting after the worship and adoration of a Supreme Being has been successfully duped into the worship of the one who desired to "be like the most High" (Isa. 14:12-17).

The strange case of Bishop James A. Pike, Episcopal minister, once trained in the basics of the Bible, moved from the tenants of his church to the realm of Spiritualism. His article in *Look* "Why I'm Leaving the Church" and his book entitled, *If This Be Heresy*, tell of his spiritual retrogression from Biblical Christianity to skepticism of the cardinal doctrines and into the extraordinary psychic phenomena of communication with

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The 1971 Annual Corporation Meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation will be held Monday, August 9, at 9:30 a.m. The meetings will be held in the Winona Lake Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana.



How is it that well-meaning, educated youth can become so involved in a sect and its actions that they forget all the restraints of family, religious backgrounds, society and even the laws of our country?

the dead following the L.S.D. suicide of his son.

Dr. Merrill Unger in his new volume, *The Haunting of Bishop Pike* says, "Spiritualism (termed Spiritism by some) represents an attempt by the living to communicate with the dead in order to obtain revelations from the spirit world. Spiritualism distorts or ignores the revelation of God given us in the Bible, though this repudiation is often masked. Misrepresentation and renunciation of clear Biblical teaching is a key factor in occultism and spiritualistic religion. This is vividly illustrated in the progressive doctrinal deviation of Bishop Pike as attested by his book, *If This Be Heresy*, and by the charges of heresy leveled against him by his colleagues in the Episcopal Church."

Dr. Unger continues, "From the standpoint of Biblical Christianity, Spiritualism's basic tenet, *communication of the living with the dead by means of an intermediary or medium*, is to be strictly avoided as God dishonoring and perilous to the soul" (Lev. 19:31; 20:27; I Chron. 10:13; Acts 16:16-18; Gal. 5:20; Rev. 9:20-21).

Whether Pike was a born-again believer is extremely doubtful. He definitely moved to a position of denial of the Virgin birth, the Lordship and second coming of Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, and the necessity of the new birth. Having moved from these solid foundations, and upon inquiry into the satanic realm, became an easy prey to demonic control. Spiritism should not be dismissed by Christians as mere fraud or fancy. On the contrary, it is to be understood as dangerous spiritual reality, energized not by the Holy Spirit, but by spirits belonging to the realm of evil supernaturalism (cf. I John 4:1).

Christians who play with Ouija Boards, visit fortune tellers, palmists and spiritistic mediums are playing with satanic fire. Young people are being taught by atheistic, and sometimes Communistic, teachers in schools of higher learning to "try all religions and seek out for yourself that which is satisfying to the soul." Satan in his efforts to be like the most high God has set his principalities and powers in array and has ordered his demons to counterfeit every aspect of Christiani-

ty, the Triune God, the church, salvation, morality, even to the eternal hold upon all that shall be cast into the lake of fire with him. Beware of false religion, idolatry or Spiritism, whatever form it may take.

Remember the warning of the Apostle Paul, "And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14, Berkeley). Paul further warns, "now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils [demons]; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:1-2).

The Holy Spirit through God's Word warns: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try [prove or test] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). The acid test of all false religion centers on the person of the God man, Christ Jesus (I John 4:2-3). Does that "spirit," medium or propagator confess that: (1) Jesus is the Christ, the eternal Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16); the eternal Word (John 1:1); the virgin born son of God (Gal. 4:4); and (2) that He became and remains incarnate deity (John 1:14)?

The menace of false religion, the spread of atheism and idolatry, lawlessness, and sensual living is evidence of the end time. Brethren, keep your eyes upon Jesus "for your redemption draweth nigh!"

MYERSTOWN GOES "DUTCH"

With credit going to the unified prayer of God's people, the Grace Brethren Church went self-supporting only five months after dedication of their new building.

By Rev. Luke Kauffman
Pastor, Myerstown, Pa.

The Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown lies in the agricultural productive Lebanon Valley of Pennsylvania. The natives of the valley are called "Dutchmen." In fact, a large percentage of the people of Myerstown speak the real Pennsylvania Dutch dialect. If you were to visit Myerstown, you would see the hitching post where the Amish folk tie their horse and buggy. Recently, the church conducted a worship service where all the music

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and speaking was accomplished in the language of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

On June 1, 1971, the congregation became completely "Dutch," when they went self-supporting as a home-mission church. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., was present to congratulate the "Dutch" congregation on this happy occasion. There were 233 people present to receive his words of commendation in the new five-month-old sanctuary.

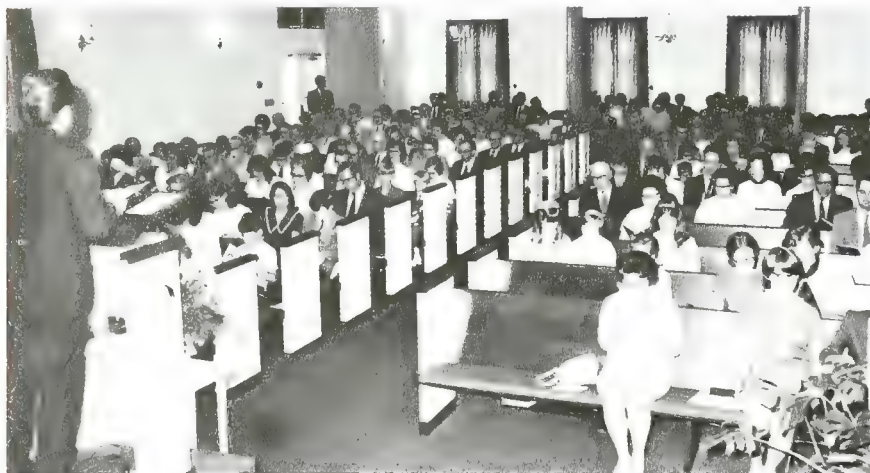
On the first Sunday of September 1971, the church will celebrate its fourth anniversary. Four years ago, twenty individuals met in the Keystone Fire Company Hall of Myerstown to formulate the new Grace Brethren Church. For two years, Rev. Roy Dice, Jr., was the interim pastor with the assistance of Rev. Eugene Martin. During their ministry,

Pastor Dice retained his church membership at the Grace Brethren Church of Palmyra, and Pastor Martin kept his membership with the New Holland Grace Brethren Church. These two men saw God richly bless the church during those two initial years. Attendances rose to the low sixties.

Rev. Luke E. Kauffman began his pastoral ministry in July 1969. Exactly twelve months later the church broke ground for her new sanctuary and educational building, which were dedicated on December 20, 1970. The people of the church built the two units in exactly six months, assisted only by Mr. Lester Keyser of Albany, Oregon, and the chairman of the building committee, Mr. Lee Bashore, co-owner of the Stouffer-Bashore Construction Company (Note the February 20, 1971 issue of the *Herald*).

What led the congregation to go "dutch," or self-supporting, in five months after dedication? During these

Church attendance at Myerstown has grown from the original 20 to an average attendance of 225 in four years. With the aid of Mr. Lester Keyser and Mr. Lee Bashore, construction on the building took only six months.



Rev. Lester E. Pifer (at left), executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, and Pastor Luke E. Kauffman in front of the new church building.

first five months, God's people saw twenty-nine individuals publicly confess Christ as Saviour and Lord in the Sunday services. Thirty-two Christians have already been baptized in the new baptistry. Since the new building has been erected, thirty-one Christians have joined the church's membership. The gross income for the first quarter of 1971 was \$10,242. By comparison, the income of the church during its very first quarter in 1967 was \$1,692.

The attendance pattern has been 225 in the morning worship hour; 195 in the Sunday evening Bible conference hour; and 95 in the midweek service. Already the church is facing difficulty finding adequate Sunday-school space. For this we praise the Lord!

The church definitely believes that the Lord has many great and glorious days ahead for His testimony here in Myerstown. First-time visitors are seen in the worship services every Sunday. The congregation has rejoiced to see individuals publicly accept Christ as Saviour on their very first visit to the church. The pastor has testified publicly that it is the unified prayer of God's people in the midweek service

America Awake!

Dr. Louis S. Bauman, often referred to as the "daddy" of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, wrote a number of significant books, among which is "Russian Events in the Light of Bible Prophecy" (1942). The dedication of the book is written in the excellent handwriting of Dr. Bauman and expresses the desire of The Brethren Home Missions Council, to see many more "stalwarts of the Faith" raised up for the ministry out of our splendid ministries coming from Pennsylvania Dutch country.

We quote several significant paragraphs from Dr. Bauman's book: "A world that recognizes neither God nor His Word, but is given to thinking above that which is written, knows not that it is written in 'the Scriptures (that) cannot be broken' that before the day arrives when nations shall beat their 'swords into plowshares' they shall beat their 'plowshares into swords' and their 'pruning-hooks into spears.' 'Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears' (Joel 3:10)—that is a prophecy of Armageddon. 'And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks' (Isa. 2:4)—that is a prophecy of the millennial reign of Christ.

"Now, the 'plowshare' is a symbol of all such instruments as work for the creation of those things that bring happiness and contentment for all mankind. The 'plowshare' *creates*. The 'sword' is the symbol of all instruments the use of which brings suffering and misery for all mankind. The 'sword' *destroys*" (page 106).

"I am confident that my country, born out of the agony of our fathers and mothers who were loyal to the Christian faith, will be found in honor, protesting to the last, against any political powers that persecute any human being because of his relation to God or to the Lord Jesus Christ" (page 152).

"We might as well understand it *now*. The political, moral, and spiritual inheritances which have been handed down to us by our fathers are under terrific attack all over the earth. America, the foremost citadel of our inheritance, is the line of last defense. Gog and all his damnable satellites are now in an all out, do-or-die attack to pierce that line and take that citadel! God grant that this shall never be while the church remains upon the earth!" (page 153). —LEP

To —
my dear old-fashioned
"Pennsylvania Dutch"
mother every drop of
whose blood came from
the veins of the sturdy
Christian stock who
gave this nation birth—
to my mother who taught
me on her knees to hate
tyrants and to love
freedom — to my mother,
who, before I was two
hours old, lifted me
up in her hands and
dedicated me to my
country, my church,
my Saviour, and my
God. — to my mother
of precious memory
I now dedicate this book
Louis S. Bauman

The dedication to his book *Russian Events in the Light of Bible Prophecy* is handwritten by Dr. Bauman, and is reproduced above.



Dr. Louis S. Bauman

which harvests the decisions during the Sunday services. As many as thirty teenagers meet weekly for prayer with the pastor in his study for the salvation of souls.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Brethren Home Missions Council for its many hours of counsel and its twenty-three months of financial support to Myerstown. Also, to the

Northern Atlantic District Mission Board of the Brethren Church real gratitude is expressed for their counsel and financial support. The work of district and home missions was an imperative thrust in beginning the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown. Indeed the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches grows with the assistance of home missions.

If you are ever in the Dutch Country of Pennsylvania, be sure to include a visit to the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown located along Route 422 East. In fact, if you should choose to hear some singing and testimonies in the original Pennsylvania Dutch, this can easily be arranged.

Thank you, Brethren, for praying for us!

We Have a Burden

It was a cold, rainy morning on one of the closing days of winter. We shivered as we made our way to the door of the Christian Day School in New Jersey where Sally and I were to acquaint children, grades one through six, with the necessity of reaching our Jewish friends for Christ.

Our presentation was a simple one. Following some opening remarks and a trumpet solo, Sally gave her attention-getting story of Purim with up-to-date monologue, action and sound effects. Black and white faces beamed up at her. I heard one boy give vent to his enthusiasm, and burst out with, "This is the best chapel service we ever had!" The hour was brought to a conclusion with a filmstrip depicting Jewish life in the Middle Ages. It was then I was to have my day "in the sun." I had to autograph about thirty Bibles. I felt like a celebrity!

Since then I have thought of some remarks made by a boy at that school. Half regretfully, it seemed to me, he had made the observation that Jewish children had more holidays than Gentiles. When I attended a Philadelphia high school years ago which had a large Jewish student body segment, I had made the similar statement—"they get their holidays as well as ours." However, when I reminded the lad of the suffering of the Jews, he sobered with, "I guess they have been persecuted," and seemed more satisfied with his lot. I cannot help compare the boys and girls in this Christian school, confronted daily with the claims of Christ, to Jewish children in Hebrew schools who are steeped in traditions and customs, and have never been invited to the loving Christ who said, "... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

We made our way back to Philadelphia where we stopped at a restaurant. It was near noon but we were not the only ones to combine breakfast and lunch that day. This eating place is a

By John S. Neely
Eastern Messianic Testimony

gathering spot for Jewish people in the "Fairfax District" of Philadelphia—the Castor Avenue section. Although 3,000 miles separate these two communities, our Jewish friends are no different in their culture, their customs, and the restlessness. They like to assemble in eating places like this with their friends to chatter away about many things, or to confine their conversation to business. Some just stare into space. Many of the elderly, although their lips may be smiling, still have reflected in their eyes that look of hopelessness. We have seen old Jewish men and women in nursing and rest homes who have this same look as they sit around walls in beautiful accommodations waiting for the next event in their lives—death! And what then? These need Christ, but openings do not come easy in places like this to present the Gospel. We would love to sit in these restaurants and discuss Christ with our Jewish friends, but it is seemingly impossible as this type of conversation is uninited.

My mind goes back again to Jewish children. Undoubtedly, to those elderly Jewish people who sat in that restaurant, it did not seem too long ago when they were children. Jewish boys and girls were hard to reach then, and it is difficult to reach them now unless they are in second, third or fourth generation Hebrew Christian families. In fact, it does not seem ethical for us to break through a parental barrier safeguarding the children for Judaism. This disturbs us, for Jewish boys and girls need Christ! We have a burden—will you share it with us? Please pray that a way might be opened to reach the parents.

Have we encountered Jewish parental obstacles? We sure have—like the roadblock put in our way by a sincere, loving Jewish mother who prevented the giving of our testimony for Christ to her dying daughter. Again,

there was the time when our staff was "blasted" by another mother who resented our witness to a teenage girl when she was at home alone.

We have now our latest burden. What do you do when a Jewish boy of thirteen who has confessed Christ as Saviour comes to a crisis time in his life? What is this crisis? His parents are divorced. Now his father has entered him in preparation classes for his Bar Mitzvah. Think of it, if you will—a Christian Jewish boy making a Bar Mitzvah! His Boys' Brigade leader, deeply interested, asked me, "What shall we do?" And what shall we do? Do we rush in where "angels fear to tread" and try to change minds? Is this wise? Do we dare break into a family relationship and risk being labeled "interferers" with parental control which would have its consequences? What we need is a "double mantle" of Solomon's wisdom and much prayer. A mistake might bring on another "six-day war," and you know who won that! Our ministry is not the usual! It is not the ordinary! That is why we need your prayers. We have a burden—will you share it with us?

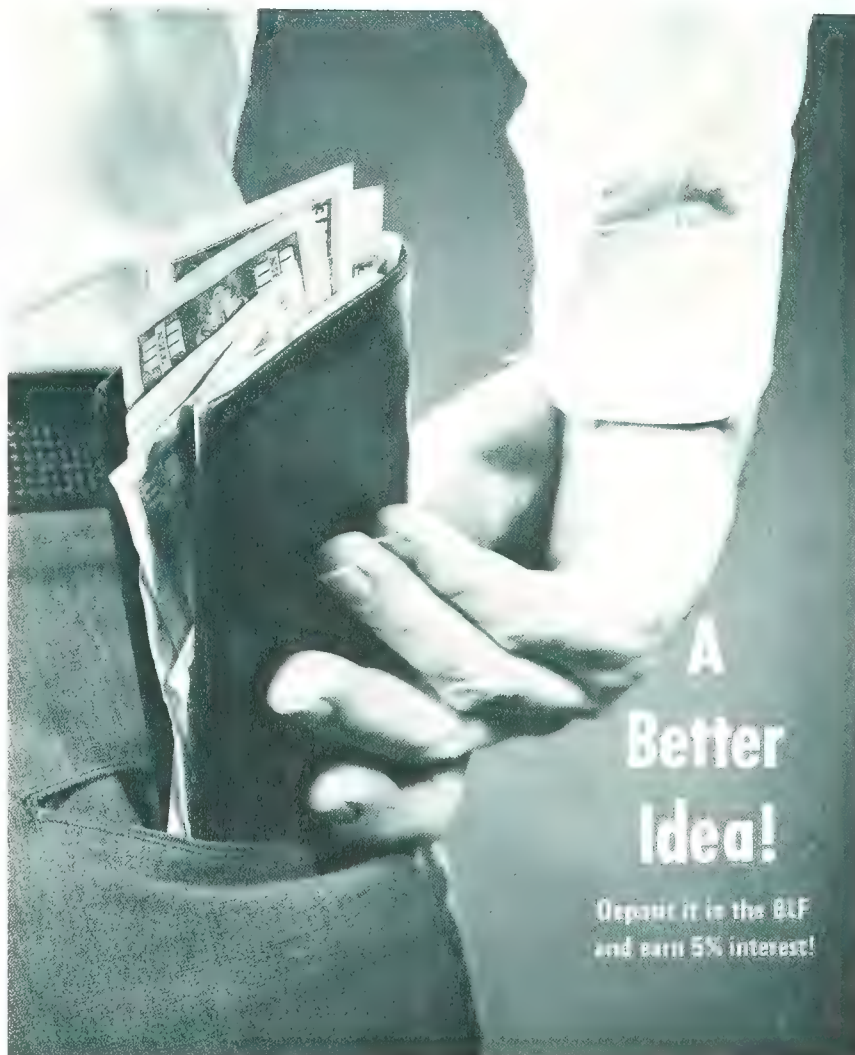
Jewish children grow up and they go away to college. There are those who become hippies. Others become radicals who make the headlines from time to time. Still others become agnostic. Some will acquire anti-establishment tendencies like three Jewish boys from New York whom I met at a motel on their way to visit a California campus. Their views were all sympathetic to the anti-establishment groups, and they could not care less about Judaism or Christianity. Still others become atheistic. There is a real need for young Christian missionaries to reach Jewish youth on the college campus. I believe this is a fertile field to plant the seed of the Gospel of the grace of God through Jesus Christ to both Jew and Gentile. We have a burden! Will you share it with us?

In our door-to-door work in Philadelphia, we meet principally the young

married and middle-aged Jewish couples. The former are feeling the first touch of success, while the latter group have made it, and are still engrossed in the business of continuing to make it. Death, sickness and sorrow are far from the minds of the younger, and these events are still in the somewhat distant future for the middle-aged. Many seem oblivious to their spiritual needs—to that which comes in their religious future. I asked one polite Jewish man in his forties what he thought of Messiah, and was shocked at his reply, "I haven't given Messiah much thought."

Are the older folk any different?—and Jewish children grow up and age to become old people. What is the messianic viewpoint of the elderly? One old Jewish man gave me his. "Maybe Jesus was the Messiah to his people then—but the legend of Messiah is to Jews of all times to fit their need at that time. But it is all legend in Jewish traditions." What did I gather from this? His belief was not in the *promised* Messiah, but in many *legendary* Messiahs to fit a particular need at a particular time.

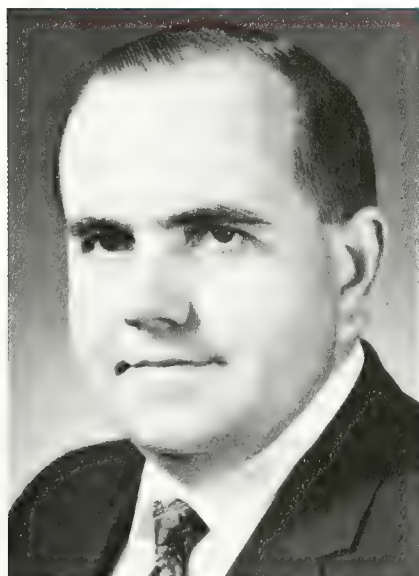
Do we get frustrated? We sure do! However, Jewish folk from the very young to the very old need Christ! We have a burden! Will you share it with us?



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Mr. Walter Fretz

New BIF Appointee

Mr. Walter Fretz has been appointed as the new financial secretary of the Brethren Investment Foundation. He replaces Mr. Kenneth Rucker who began his work as assistant financial secretary May 1, 1967. Mr. Rucker served under Mr. Elmer Tamkin who came to Winona Lake in 1956 to serve as the first financial secretary of the organization. Mr. Rucker became the second financial secretary when Mr. Tamkin retired because of illness. He has distinguished himself as an able financier and has handled his work well. There has been a substantial increase in the B.I.F. during his tenure.

Mr. Walter Fretz is a member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church of

Telford, Pennsylvania, and was one of its charter members. He comes to us with excellent recommendations. He has been well trained in the field of banking and has served for over twenty years in this category. Recently he has held the position of assistant cashier and branch manager of the Line Lexington office of the Union National Bank and Trust Company, Souderton, Pennsylvania.

We would urge our Christian friends to remember Mr. Rucker as he assumes a new position as Comptroller of Hand Industries, Warsaw, Indiana, and for Mr. Fretz as he assumes the financial secretaryship of the Brethren Investment Foundation.

Church News

WARSAW, IND. A special service was conducted recently at Community Grace Brethren on "Underground Evangelism Behind the Iron Curtain." "To Russia with Love," a film depicting life in Russia, was shown by Rev. Donald F. Kyer as part of the unique presentation regarding underground evangelism. Mark E. Malles, pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The mortgage on the three-level Sunday-school annex erected in 1963 was burned June 13, at the morning worship service of the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Wesley Haller, former pastor, and the one under whose ministry this addition was built, was present for the service. He spoke at both the morning and the evening worship services. The church rejoiced that they were able to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Gerald Kelley, to a debt-free church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Mrs. Ted Henning, who recently spent a year in Africa as a teacher for the children of missionaries, and whose husband went to be with the Lord before they could return to the States, showed a slide presentation at a church service. She told of some of the experiences in working for Christ on the mission field in the Central African Republic. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown.



COLUMBUS, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church held the dedication service for their new sanctuary and Christian Education unit on June 19. The sanctuary (at left in above photo) will seat 1,000 persons. The dedicatory message was brought by Rev. Nathan Meyer, and Chaplain John Schumacher was guest soloist. Rev. Lester Pifer extended greetings on behalf of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Jim Custer is pastor of the church, and Frank Gardner, associate pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. A worthwhile discussion was entered in by some of the men of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church as they met for the express purpose of coordinating policies in the interest of church ushering. New ideas were gained for ways of making the strangers and visitors at the services feel at ease and welcome. The discussion was led by the head usher, Ray Metcalf. The pastor of the Woodville church is Rev. Robert D. Kern.

KITTANNING, PA. "Recently, during the night of the senior proms in our area, several teens from the North Buffalo Church attended a Word of Life teen banquet, resulting in two of them making decisions for Christ. Another decision for Christ was made by a little boy during our Missionary Helpers Club. We thank the Lord for the spiritual blessings He sends, and to continue sharing in these joys each class in our Sunday school is adopting a missionary family.

"We have been quite concerned about the lack of a parking area where our new building is to be built, but the Lord has provided by having one of the neighbors promise land to be used for free parking purposes.

"The plans for the new building are completed and have been state approved. Construction is to begin in August. Please pray for us." Thomas Goossens, pastor.

PRICE REDUCED! You don't hear these words very much in today's escalating economy! But the Herald Co.'s church offering envelope supplier has just notified us that effective immediately, the price has been reduced for those churches using the NFBC information and Scripture verse on the back of their offering envelopes. It will cost just 7¢ per set to have this NFBC information printed on the back, instead of 20¢ to 30¢ per set.

If your church hasn't ordered offering envelopes for 1972, the Missionary Herald Co., stands ready to serve you. Your envelopes will cost less if you order now, rather than waiting until October or November.



MINERVA, OHIO. Pastor Dennis Beach was ordained to the ministry in a recent afternoon service at the Minerva Grace Brethren Church. Dr. Kenneth Ashman was the ordination speaker with other ministers of the Northeastern Ohio District participating in the program. Little Melissa, infant daughter of the Beaches, was dedicated to the Lord at the service, also. At the reception which followed the service, the congregation presented the pastor with a most generous cash gift. Ministers pictured here from left to right: James Kennedy, Merlin Berkey, Eloy Pacheco, Dennis Beach (kneeling), Clair Brubaker, Kenneth Ashman, and John Burke.

CHANGES. Rev. Edward Clark, R.R. 7, Green Acres, Warsaw, Ind. 46580. The zip code for the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., is 15901. Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy, Sr., Quintata 353, Adroque, F.C.G.R., Pcia Bs. Aires, Argentina, S.A. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Ogden, 443 S. Carr St., Lakewood, Colo. 80226, Phone: (303) 986-4871. Rev. Lyle W. Marvin, 1320 Knollwood Rd., Apt. 42-D, Seal Beach, Calif. 90740. Please change your *Annual*.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO. Grace Brethren Village, a retirement project, held open house on Sunday afternoon, July 4, from 2-4 p.m. The village is located at 1010 Taywood Rd., in Englewood, a suburb of Dayton, Ohio, and is sponsored by the Southern Ohio District.

WINONA LAKE, IND. On Father's Day, June 20, the ladies of the Winona Lake Brethren WMC gave a small pie to each father present at the morning worship service. Each pie was "flagged" with dad's name and "Happy Father's Day."

The senior high Sunday-school department recently took a three-day trip to Washington, D.C. Twenty-seven teens and their sponsors made the trip. On the final day of their trip (Sunday), the group was hosted by the Grace Brethren Church in Alexandria, Va. The Winona Lake group had charge of the morning worship service, and Rev. Charles Ashman was guest speaker. Rev. Kenneth Teague was host pastor for the group.

TROY, OHIO. The pastor was encouraged with a fine attendance of 50 and a congregation who was entering into the singing with enthusiasm. But—he was not prepared for a birthday surprise that followed the evening service. He was the recipient of a tape recorder and enough cash for a set of books. The love that prompts such giving is a thrill to a pastor's heart.

Faith was demonstrated by this church 13 months ago, as they purchased a new electric organ on a three-year payment plan. But the contract was voided last week by paying the balance owed—23 months ahead of schedule! Also by faith, the congregation voted a salary increase to the pastor at a time when they were not meeting the weekly budget—now they have been going over the weekly budget. God honors faith. Rev. Mike Volovski is the pastor who is one year older.

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. The men's retreat for this district was a time of recreation and Christian fellowship at the Marmon Valley Farm, Zanesville, Ohio. Ed Jackson, the executive secretary of the NFGBM, brought challenging messages to the group.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

A Hospitality-Information Center will be established August 6-13 during national conference at Winona Lake, Ind. The center will be open each day of the conference and will be equipped to receive telephone calls for delegates and guests.

All persons attending the conference should be registered at the center which will be located in the lobby of the Winona Lake Auditorium. Records will be kept as to where persons are lodging and their expected length of stay. A mail box and message board will be maintained. Information about any meeting, banquet, and so forth, will be available at the center.

Mail should be addressed in care of the NFBC Hospitality-Information Center, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. The number of the specially installed phone at the center will be (219) 267-7648.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The congregation at Clayton was happy to welcome their new pastor, Paul Woodruff, who is a recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary.



Missionary Eddie Miller (left) serves the "delicious" monkey stew with a flourish!

BRAZIL via IMAGINATION. In a setting of onca hides, howler monkey and snake skins, embellished with a live *arara* (macaw) and a *papagaio* (parrot), and topped off with a big pot of "monkey" stew, missionary Eddie Miller treated the young and middle adult classes of the Winona Lake Brethren Sunday school to a "taste" of Brazil. An authentic Brazilian dinner was cooked and served by the committee, headed by Mr. Miller, to a crowd of around 100, which included class members, families and guests. The reminiscences were authenticated by the presence of other Brazilians in the group, including the John Zielaskos and three visitors to the Winona Lake area whose home is Brazil, besides Mr. Miller's own family members. Games and hilarity helped dispel the illusion of the dour missionary, and a love for their adopted people was well communicated by all the missionaries present.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Faithfulness in attendance was rewarded by the Grace Brethren Sunday school to the following: Mark Fairbanks-2 years, Sandra Langham-3 years, Steve Stitt-5 years, Francis Diggins-10 years, Vada Staley-10 years, Pastor John Aeby-11 years, Robert Sackett-23 years, Morris Sackett-24 years—these were all given attendance pins and congratulations. John Aeby, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Loretta New and Edward Young, Feb. 6, Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif.

Marilyn Van Selow and James Maddox, May 16, Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif.

Sally Ann Glick and Bruce Long, June 6, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa.

Susan Dianne McCall and Raymond W. Tarr, June 12, First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Joan Silvius and Thomas Baughman, June 12, Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio. Former pastor, Rev. Wesley Haller, performed the ceremony.

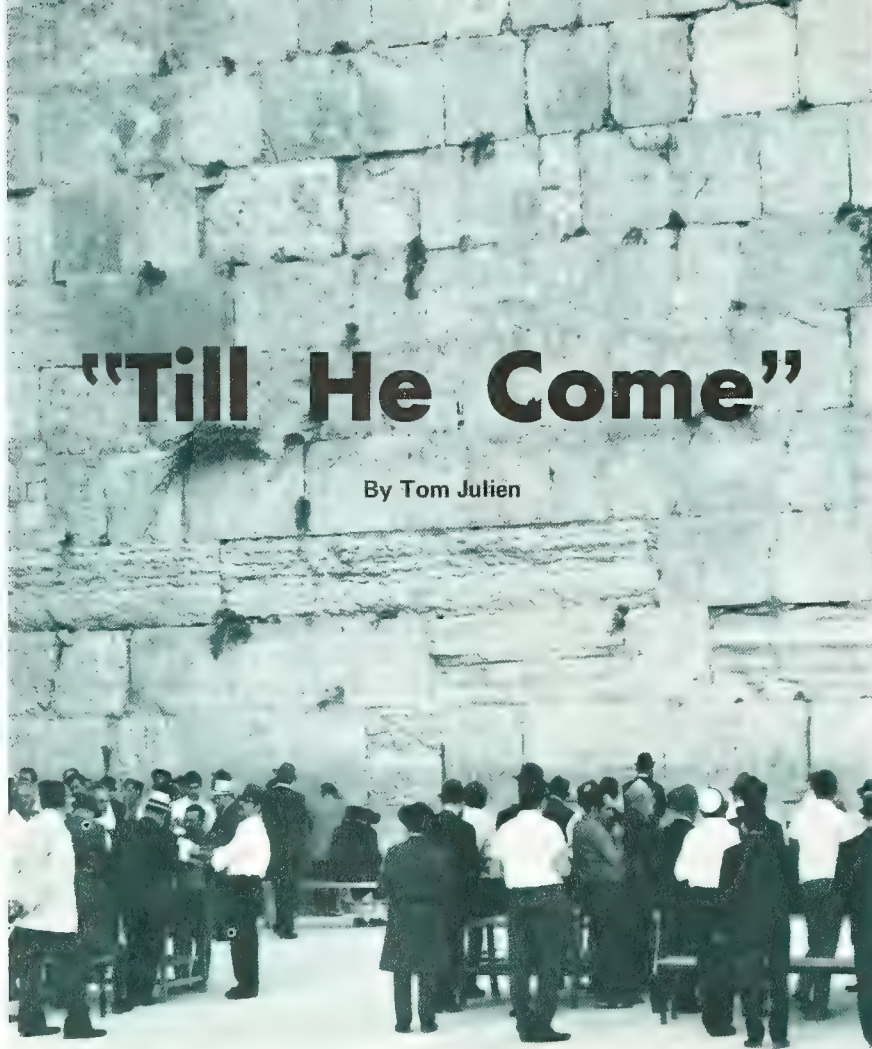
Irene Johnson and Howard Huizing, June 26, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Althea Lynette Miller and Dean Reuter, June 26, Community Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. Althea is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert E.A. Miller of Washington, D.C.

Maybelle Runk and Robert Schuett, June 26, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

"Till He Come"

By Tom Julien



The Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy

Part Two

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."

Few of the 1,500 people who attended the Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy from June 15-18 could go away without feeling something of the meaning of those words, found in Psalm 137. Especially after listening to a moving address by Professor Werblowsky of the Hebrew University emphasizing the inseparable ties between Jerusalem and her people. When Jerusalem suffers, all real Jews suffer as well. "Further," he said, "the stunning victory of the Israeli soldiers in the six-day war can only be explained by the inner certainty of victory produced by the Jewish prophetic consciousness."

This does not mean that Jews ac-

cept prophecy in the same way as Christians. For us, prophecies foretell events that will be literally fulfilled. For them, prophecies are simply a part of the great heritage from which they receive their identity and dynamism.

But who, Christian or Jew, could fail to be impressed by the sight of those hundreds of Christians from thirty-two different nations converging on Jerusalem in order to examine together the prophecies of the Bible? Jerusalem—now under Jewish rule, after having been "trodden under the feet of the Gentiles" for some 2,000 years. This was the first such gathering in the history of this city and the very fact that it occurred in a Jewish Jerusalem could in itself be a sign of the near-return of Christ.

However, though it was a conference on prophecy, those who came

For many years, the Wailing Wall, only existing part of Solomon's Temple, was shut off to the Jews. Since the Israeli victory of 1967, thousands come here to pray for the peace of their city. The return of the Jews is one of the most dramatic signs of the end days.

expecting to be given a chronology of the end days were disappointed. "I expected to learn more about prophecy," remarked one man. Could it be that his conception of prophecy was not broad enough? Prophecy is forth-telling, as well as foretelling. Though every message dealt with some aspect of the prophetic message, only a few treated specifically what we normally call "the signs of the times." Throughout, however, a climate of expectancy was created in which His near-return was never far from our thoughts. Instead of arguing about whether He would come before or after the great tribulation, or of trying to attach a chapter and verse to every contemporary event, the speakers stressed the urgency of proclaiming the coming Christ to a world that still does not know Him.

This emphasis was climaxed in a masterful way by the Rev. John Stott, honorary chaplain to the Queen of England, who gave the closing message. For the Christian, he said, what is happening today is of greater importance than what will happen tomorrow. No one could listen to this and other challenges without realizing that to correctly read prophecy does not just mean sitting in a study formulating a timetable of the end times, but getting out into the world to share Christ.

"Did you come to Jerusalem to wait for Jesus to come back?" This was the question asked by a little Arab girl. Those who listened well to the messages would have to answer, "No. We came to Jerusalem to renew our vision for world evangelism." Without such a vision, we were told, the Jerusalem conference would be a waste both of time and money.

Approximately forty messages, reports and seminars were packed into just three short days. It would be impossible to give even a brief resume of them. There were, however, certain highlights that will not be soon forgotten.

First, and perhaps greatest, was the simple fact of having such a conference in Jerusalem. For those who came for the first time to this place, sacred alike for Christians, Jews and Moslems, the experience was unforgettable. Walking where Jesus walked gave a new dimension to the Bible. Standing on the Mount of Olives, where He ascended and to which He will return, brought a sense of immediacy to the prophecies discussed by the speakers. No longer did they concern faraway people and a faraway land. We were there, and we knew that while we were there those things could happen.

There is a sense of expectancy in Jerusalem. We felt it in watching the armed soldiers or of reading of "rumors of war" in the *Jerusalem Post*. We sensed it in the greetings of the Honorable Ben Gurion, who talked of the mission of the Jews to humanity. It was present when the Hebrew professor talked about the land of Israel becoming alive at the touch of her people, just as a sleeping beauty awakes at the kiss of her prince. And again when we asked our Jewish guide whether the Jews would rebuild the temple. "Why should we," he replied; "Messiah will rebuild it when He comes."

"When ye see these things come to



Participants from the Brethren Church included Pastor and Mrs. James Dixon of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, D.C.

pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, *this generation* [i.e., the generation on earth at the time these things begin to happen] shall not pass away, till all these things be fulfilled."

A second highlight was the cosmopolitan character of the conference. Most prophetic conferences of the past brought together those who shared the same prophetical presuppositions. This one represented a true cross section of evangelicals, not only among the speakers but also among those who attended. One of the first men I met was a pastor from the Anglican church in New Zealand. He had come halfway around the world to attend. On the other side of the ecclesiastical spectrum were the 147 Christians who ac-

Pastor John Terrell of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, chats with Mrs. James Dixon between one of the conference sessions.

companied Rex Humbard of the "Cathedral of Tomorrow," and who, incidentally, celebrated communion in their plane 33,000 feet above the Atlantic. Some sixty orientals from Japan, Taiwan, and Korea were in attendance. Nearly every denomination had at least someone. Eight came from the Grace Brethren.

You might think that such divergence could only produce confusion. Yet, all were solidly united in their hope that Christ was returning, and that His return would be literal. Not all shared the same views concerning *how* He would return. But all were convinced that He was coming, and that His coming seemed near.

Of course, in such a gathering no one interpretation of prophecy comes through loud and clear. Though the majority, both of speakers and listeners, doubtless held the premillennial view, the amillenialists were given the opportunity to present their interpretation. And we who listened could see that though there were disagreements on some points, these differences of opinion were transcended by unity in the same hope in Christ. All were in complete agreement that our mission is to present this Christ who will return to a world fast-approaching judgment. (To be concluded)

Brethren attending the conference gathered to exchange views. Talking with Dr. Larry Poland, president of Miami Christian University, are four members of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington: (l to r) Miss Alice Lambert, Miss Viola Kidwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Layne Loeffler.



The Crumbling World System

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

You are the last resort. Your gifts to Grace Schools are extremely necessary in this crisis time.

From that time that Adam turned his back on God, the spiritual state of mankind has grown progressively worse. It was therefore inevitable that a series of crises would develop, one following upon another, when disaster would overtake mankind because of man's inability to direct his own course through the maze of difficulties he had produced for himself. Even though God stepped in to undertake for men, each succeeding development began at a lower spiritual level and always ended at an even lower level. It appears now that we are in that final movement of the ages when civilization is moving towards final spiritual collapse. This is known in the Scriptures as the period of tribulation. As a whole, mankind will have turned its back completely upon God. Those who have spiritual discernment are quite convinced that the world is moving swiftly in that direction today.

Recognition of the deteriorating spiritual condition of the world leads to further analysis of the world situation. It is obvious that the immediate effect is felt in the moral situation. That is the sense of the prophetic utterance of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy, chapter 3, verse 1—"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." There follows a description of moral conditions within society that aptly applies to the conditions in which we are now living. No thinking individual of this land, whose years cover a span of the last half century, can draw any other conclusion except that peril has moved into the experience of mankind because of the desperate moral conditions of society. And what is true within this country is also true across the world. Commensurate with the developing independence toward God and self-sufficiency on the part of man is the developing desperate moral situation in the world.

There is no such thing as isolating areas of life from one another. So the moral situation is bound to have its effect in the sphere of the economic. Forty years ago there was a depression in this country and across the world. After emerging from that crisis, defi-

nite efforts were made to stop up the leaks and guard against the sources from which that situation developed. An enormous economic superstructure has resulted that has led many men to make wild boasts that never again will such an economic crisis be felt in this society. A social security system has been constructed and a welfare system has been contrived that now threatens to plunge society into economic oblivion. Though politicians and statesmen are frantically seeking ways to solve the problems, they are not succeeding. And the economic situation continues to grow worse. Any right minded person can see that this situation is to be directly traced to the moral conditions in society which in turn can be traced back to the spiritual. As can be seen, the economic situation is having far reaching effects, too.

Just to point to one area where the present economic situation is being felt, namely, the educational, some observations need to be made. Thirty years ago there was an upsurge in the thinking of men, that education was the only solution to the problems of society. This idea was sold on a broad scale to the thinking public, and a new push was made to increase the educational facilities of the land, to persuade young people to get into higher education, and to improve the material and economic status of teachers. As a result, the greatest period of educational development this country has known is being experienced. This is also true across the world.

But perhaps that day is over, and we may expect something else. At least on the economic scene, it would appear that education is facing real trouble. It is asserted by the educational experts that the decade of the seventies will witness the close of 50 percent of all private schools. There is no question that this trend is on its way. The escalating economy on the one hand and the allocating of funds in other directions has put the squeeze on education. As a result, college officials all across this land have been desperately trying to get their fingers into the public treasury. All sorts of

ingenious legislation has been devised with little success. But in spite of this, governmental sources are drying up, and the financial situation grows worse. The economy continues to rise and the sources of financial aid continue to dry up.

The problem is accentuated by the serious situation that has developed upon the educational campuses of the land. The role of modern education is seriously questioned. Riots, destruction of property, and faculty encouragement of revolutionary activity have put serious questions in the minds of people as to the ultimate value of education. It seems evident that education in itself is not a panacea for the ills of contemporary society. Conclusions such as this can very easily spread and further complicate the economic situation. It can even be felt in the constituency of schools where these conditions are not prevalent on the campus.

Grace Schools has certainly proved that it provides a distinctive education that justifies its existence. It is providing the kind of education that equips a young person to confront the basic problems of life. The spiritual and moral atmosphere provides a proper context for orienting the



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knowledge of the world, and thus enables young people to make the kind of contribution to society that is really needed.

But this does not mean that Grace Schools is not facing the financial situation that other schools face. It does not mean that the Grace constituency is not being influenced by the pressures being felt everywhere, and as a result the funds are not flowing in as they should.

Both current operating funds and those needed to liquidate the debt on the library are falling off—not much, but some. In fact, in the area of debt liquidation there has been quite a reduction in gifts.

I urge our people to take a new look at our needs. Grace Schools depends on you for continued existence. You are our last resort. We have no endowment to depend on. Any falling off in giving could produce an immediate crisis. Up to this point you have been wonderful. We have been ending our fiscal year in the black, and we must continue to do so if we are to survive. So consider this need carefully.

Students have had help from the government. But this could disappear quickly. Tax problems across this nation are serious, and at any time a legislature could accede to the cries of the public for relief, and all federal and state help could disappear. To offset this possibility, the President's Fund (which was started some years ago) needs your help. This fund was established to provide a rotating source with which to help students. Funds are loaned to students who return the loan, thus making the money available for other students to use.

Won't you consider some sizeable gifts to the President's Fund? This could be the answer to our needs in the very immediate future. By this method you not only help students, but through the students you also help the school.

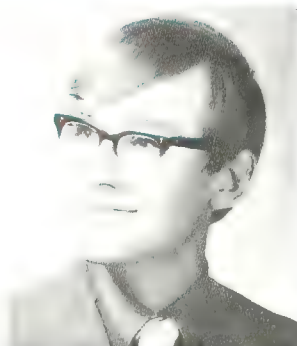
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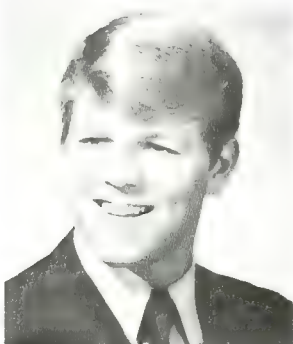
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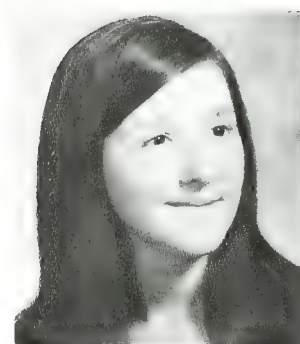
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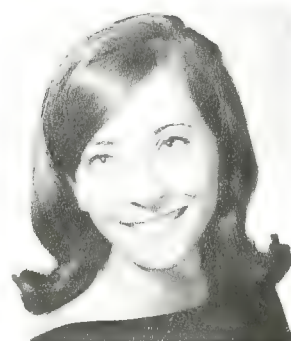
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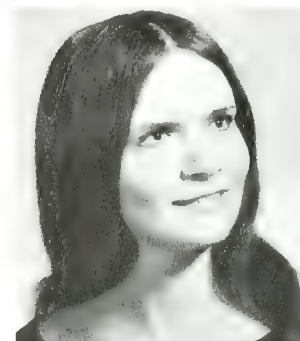
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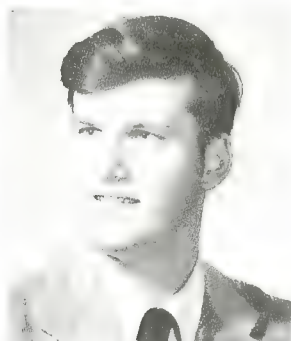
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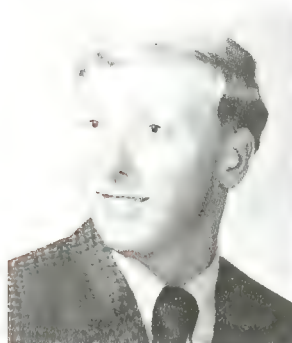
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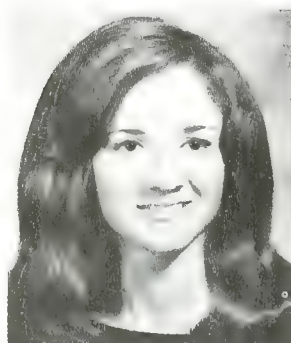
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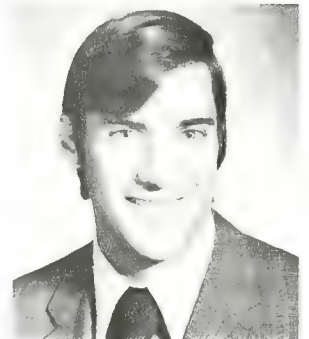
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Kent, Sr., and Wedertz Given Alumni Awards

"Distinguished Alumnus of the Year" awards were presented to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., seminary; and Rev. Larry A. Wedertz, college, at the Thirty-fourth Annual Commencement ceremonies for Grace College and Seminary on May 26, at Winona Lake.

Presidents of the seminary and college alumni associations, P. Fred Fogle and Jerry R. Young, read the citations and presented the plaques to Kent and Wedertz, respectively.

Dr. Kent, Sr., full-time member of the seminary faculty since 1940, was recognized for his many years of faithful service, his contributions to the Christian ministry and Grace Schools, and in particular, for more than thirty years of his life devoted to the education of men and women in preparation for the ministry, mission field, and other areas of Christian service.

He attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ashland College, his Master of Theology degree from Xenia Seminary, and his Doctor of Theology degree from Grace Theological Seminary in 1948.

From 1925-1940, he was pastor of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D.C., also taught at the Washington Bible Institute, 1935-1937, and served part-time for several years at Grace Seminary.

He acted as registrar of the college and seminary 1955-1962, and of the seminary from 1962, when he also became vice president of Grace Schools.

Member of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church since 1933, he was secretary 1946-1950, and has been its treasurer since 1951. In 1956, he was vice moderator of the Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and in 1968, the moderator.

He has authored two books, *Conquering Frontiers* (a history of the Brethren Church) and *The Pastor and His Work*.

This year he retired from the staff of Grace College and Seminary.

Larry A. Wedertz was recognized for his almost eighteen years of humble, faithful service to the Lord among a segment of the more than 100,000 Navajo Indians living on a 16 million acre reservation in New Mexico.

Among the earliest inhabitants of our continent, the Navajos, bound by superstition and paganism, isolated by the almost impregnable barrier of their language—constituted one of the most challenging mission fields in



Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., (left) and Mr. Larry Wedertz hold the inscribed plaques they received for outstanding service as Grace Schools' graduates.

the world.

In the summer of 1953, Wedertz first assisted at the mission near Cuba, New Mexico, which had been started by the Brethren Home Missions Council in 1948.

In 1958, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Grace College and returned full time to the mission. He taught the children, shared sports with the boys, conducted summer camps, was builder, plumber, electrician and mechanic—became writer, photographer and editor of the *Forgotten Navajo*—shared in a Navajo-land radio ministry, and did graduate work at the University of New Mexico.

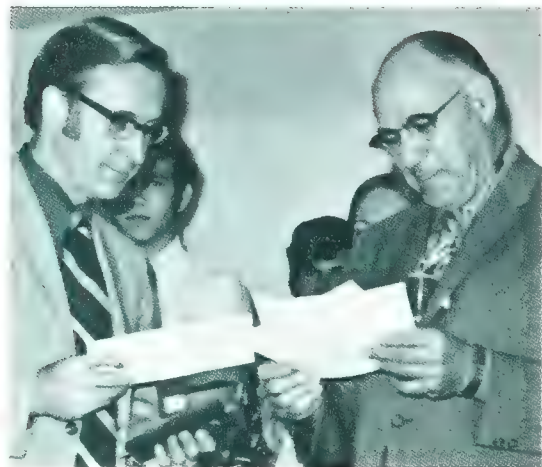
By 1963, he was both teacher and principal of the Mission Boarding School; in 1966, was named superintendent of the mission with its expanding student body, faculty, staff and facilities.

While he has written no books, the names of many to whom he and his co-laborers have taught the Gospel of Christ are now written in the Lamb's Book of Life for eternity.

Appropriately inscribed on his plaque are words from the Lord's commission to Paul, "I send thee to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."

Recipients of the 1970 Alumnus of the Year Awards were Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., and Glen "Chet" Kammerer.

McClain Award to Ogden



Prof. Donald Ogden receives congratulations from President Herman Hoyt for being named the outstanding teacher of the year.

Mr. Donald E. Ogden, professor of music and chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Grace College, has received the Alva J. McClain award for Excellence in Teaching for the 1970-71 academic year.

In honor of the founding president of Grace Schools, this annual award is presented to the outstanding teacher of the year on the Grace College faculty. Students, faculty, and administration cooperate in the selection

which is based on academic alertness, class preparation, student rapport, teaching competency and personal quality.

This cherished award consists of an engraved plaque presented to the chosen teacher plus a cash award of \$100. In addition, the inscription of the award winner's name and the year of the award is placed on a publicly displayed plaque, thus providing a permanent cumulative listing of award winners.

Mr. Ogden completed his A.B. and M.S. degrees in Sacred Music from Bob Jones University by 1950, where he also taught for two years. In 1954 he received the B.D. degree from Grace Seminary, and finished his Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at Indiana University in 1965.

He became a part-time teacher at Grace Schools in 1950, and since 1954, has been a full-time faculty member teaching and heading up the music department.

He has toured with the college choir for seventeen seasons, and has spent nine summers traveling with ensemble groups throughout the country.

His community activities include being Minister of Music at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, and he is presently on the Board of Directors of the Lakeland Community Concert Association and the New Frontiers home for juvenile boys.

Mr. Ogden is also an ordained minister in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Chappell New Business Manager

Paul E. Chappell, assistant business manager for Grace Schools since 1968, was appointed to the position of acting business manager replacing Russel Dunlap on June 1.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president, in announcing the appointment said that after many interviews it was his opinion that the man most able to guide the financial destinies of Grace Schools "was already in our employ." Dr. Hoyt feels that the years of experience working with Dunlap qualifies Chappell for this position.

Chappell, 46, and his wife Marjorie, and their five children, moved from the Washington, D.C., area in 1967, to enroll in Grace College. He will earn his B.A. degree in Bible in 1972.

From 1948, Chappell had been in

government service. He was employed in Project Management at the Engineer and Research Development Laboratory at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for the U.S. Government. For two years during this period he attended Washington Bible College Evening School.

Mrs. Chappell serves as a part-time secretary in Grace School's library. Both are members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.

Dunlap, business manager of Grace Schools since 1962, resigned to become the general manager of Metaline Products, Elkhart, Indiana.

Dr. Hoyt is confident that the same tradition of sound business practices which has enabled Grace to complete their fiscal year in the black for the past five years will continue.



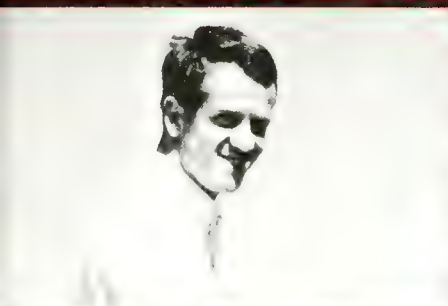
Mr. Paul Chappell now guides the financial destinies of Grace Schools.

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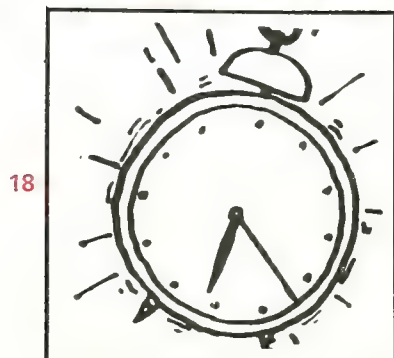
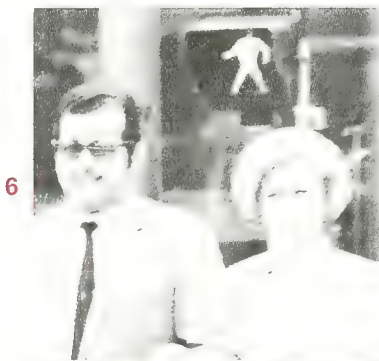
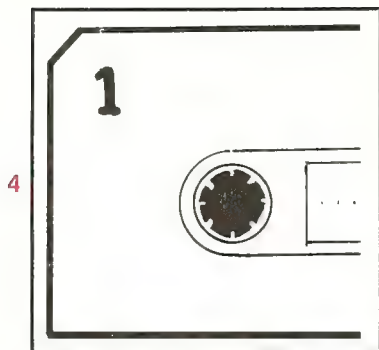
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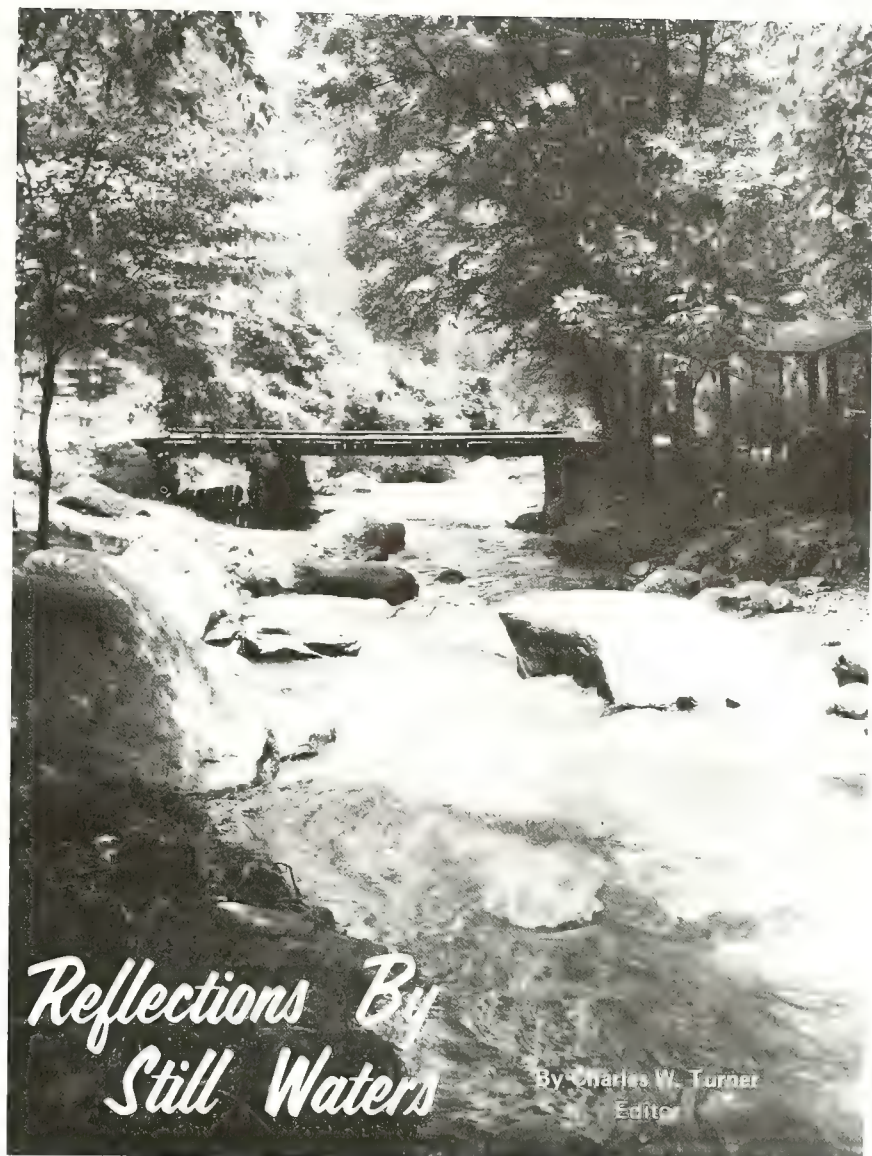
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Thoughts on
Motion and Progress

There is a great deal of time spent on mapping the progress of different organizations. Businesses chart the course of their operations by means of reports that run into pages of material. They are checking to see whether the divisions of the corporation are moving forward toward their intended goals. Churches have reports from their organizations noting attendance trends and financial developments. We as Americans have a strange fascination with being further along than we were last year. As church people we want to know whether the Sunday school, morning worship, evening service and prayer service are growing in numbers. We somehow affix spiritual progress with numerical progress. When the numbers are up—we say the Lord is blessing, and when the numbers are down—we are failing Him somehow. However, it is difficult, many times, to accurately assess why certain things are happening.

The danger that comes from our guessing game of “why” is that we often confuse motion or activity with growth or progress. For the purpose of discussing this matter let me emphasize the joining of the words in the preceding sentence. Consider the first group of words—“motion or activity” in contrast to the second two—“growth or progress.” After some years of firsthand observation, I am certain that much of that which we call progress is really motion or activity. It is not productive progress. To take a glimpse of the average church bulletin will result in a feeling of weariness. Just to make it to the scheduled list of services, organizational meetings, and social activities will require persons of abnormal physical strength to fulfill the demands that would be imposed. The activity and the motion are then in evidence in the average church. But what about the spiritual progress and growth? These



are harder to find than the motion.

When as a pastor I was confronted with such thoughts, I then faced the next problem. What can be omitted from the program without doing too much damage? That is not an easy question to answer, and I found that there was not too much that I felt could be dismissed without some loss to the overall program. Yet, I am certain that many pastors will find themselves asking the same question and having that uncertain feeling that they are going through a lot of motion and seeing all too little progress. As long as we have that uncertain feeling there is hope for a solution. What I fear is that comfortable and relaxed feeling that is sometimes present. The assumption that activity always indicates achievement.

Have you ever seen one of those exercise bicycles? It is complete with front wheel, pedals, handlebar and seat. In fact it is even equipped with a speedometer and odometer. These indicate how fast you are going—NOWHERE—and the distance that you think you are covering. This bicycle is great for motion and for exercise, but you can peddle for the next five years and unless you started in Chicago, you will never make it to Chicago. There is a lot of motion, but there is no progress in distance.

The varying degrees of spiritual progress of churches in some ways can be determined by the ability of that church to take all of the motion and activity and channel them into growth and spiritual progress. What a challenge!

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The general quality of FMS slide-tape sets presenting missionary candidates has received a decided boost since audio-visuals director, Gordon Austin, joined the FMS staff.

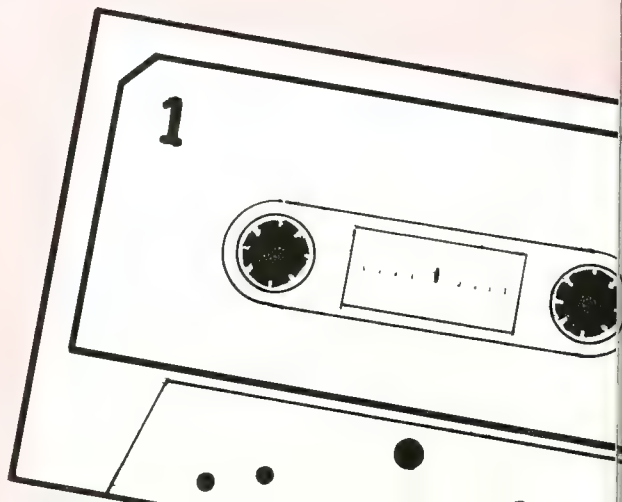
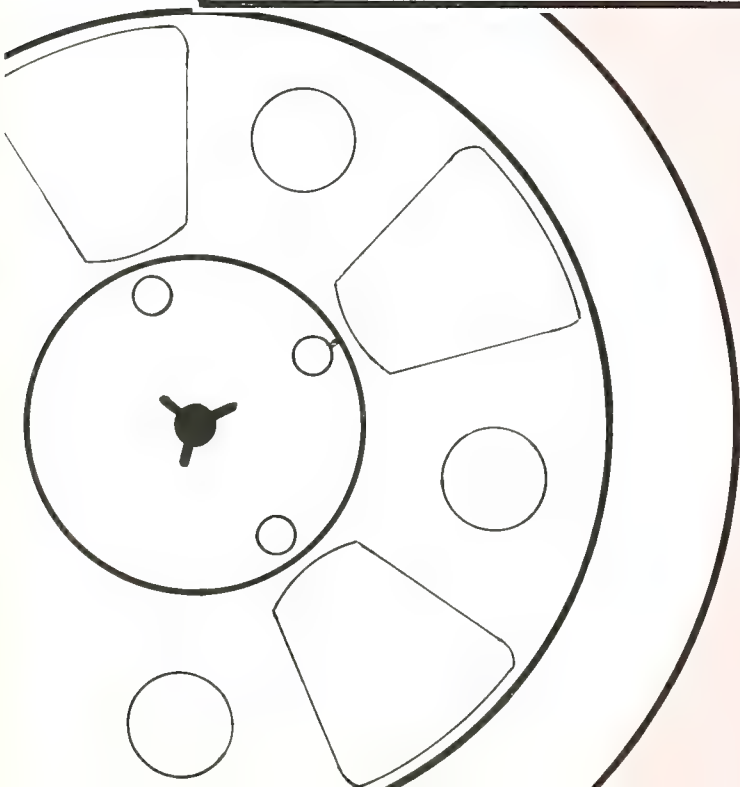
The two most recent productions—those of the Larry Pfahler and Larry DeArmey families—were done by Mr. Austin and are being received enthusiastically across the Fellowship.

While it is true that these sets are available to any church or other organization requesting them, it should be mentioned that at this writing they are solidly booked to November. Both productions are being offered with a choice of slides or filmstrip, and cassette or reel tapes.

Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry DeArmey, also with a small daughter, are scheduled to go to France in September to begin a year's study of the French language before they begin their service on their respective fields of Central African Republic and France.

If you can use either or both of these sets after November, write to:

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Treasures in Heaven

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:20).

Reflect for a moment. Campers, speedboats, mini-bikes, golf clubs, tours to Europe, vacations in Hawaii, meals in restaurants, washers and dryers, color TV, cameras and gadgets, fashionable clothes, stereo music—and the list goes on and on. Does anyone on this planet live better than the average U.S. citizen? If an American wants something, he gets it—and probably feels sorry for himself because he cannot get more.

Only the poorest among us would be tempted to trade for the life style of, for example, ancient kings who—with all their wealth—ate, traveled, dressed, and lived far below the standard of the American middle class. In spite of the problems which face U.S. society, one fact is undeniable. No race in history has had it so good, and yet appreciated it less. The mania to possess more continues, nevertheless.

That the American Christian is not immune to the desire to possess the luxuries which surround him is very evident, but the question as to whether it is also sinful apparently is debatable. This vast concentration of material things upon ourselves may not be wrong in itself, but one does wonder at times if anyone is paying any attention at all to the admonition of Christ in Matthew 6:19-24—especially to that phrase about laying up treasures in heaven.

The treasures on earth we have, and the moth and the rust are taking their toll.

But what about treasures in heaven.

Many have not even bothered to open an account, let alone make deposits. Yet ninety years from now no one will enjoy the earthly investments he is making today. And what have we deposited in heaven? A better question, since it is the one our Lord would ask, is this: what have we deposited in heaven compared to what we have invested in ourselves?

William J. Danker in his recent book *Profit for the Lord* has written:

"We must face the fact that the more the average Christian in the West prospers materially, the more self-centered he appears to grow. The spiraling prosperity of the richest middle class of Christians in the entire history of the church seems to be drawing them in the direction of materialism, hedonism, and selfishness. In spite of instant communications that bring the sights and sounds of the world's suffering into our homes, withdrawal and neo-isolationism seem to be increasing. Offerings to missions and benevolences seldom reflect adequately the rise in real income of American church members.

"The self-centeredness of the affluent American Protestant congregation is so endemic that former Vice President Hubert Humphrey told the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. that the Protestant and Orthodox churches of the nation spend only about fifty million a year on helping those outside the churches—'only forty-one cents a month for everyone who belongs to a church in America.' Of the seventy-five million dollar income of the Protestant churches in Chicago in a recent year, it is estimated that less than six million dollars was spent outside the local congregations where the money was raised."

Perhaps it is just as well that Chris-

tians are not giving to some of the organizations embraced by Professor Danker's observations. It may well be that some Christians are not giving because they do not agree with the posture of those organizations within the World Council camp. But after taking that into account it is also true that very little sacrificial giving is engaged in by the majority of evangelical Christians. The load is still carried by the few.

Perhaps the warning and admonition of John Wesley is needed in this hour of an affluent Protestant church. In his day he wrote:

"I fear that whenever riches have increased, the essence of religion has decreased in the same proportion. Therefore, I do not see how it is possible, in the nature of things, for any revival of true religion to continue long. For religion must of necessity produce both industry and frugality, and these cannot but produce riches. But as riches increase, so will pride, anger, and love of the world in all its branches. What way then can we take that our money may not sink us to the nethermost hell? There is one way, and there is no other under heaven. If those who gain all they can, and save all they can, will likewise give all they can, then the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven" (*Life of Wesley and the Rise and Progress of Methodism* by Robert Southey).

So, brethren, gain all you can, save all you can, yes, even spend all you can for the luxuries of life. But for the cause of Jesus Christ and the souls of lost men, do not neglect to give all you can; and thus, besides providing the needed funds for missions, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.—JWZ

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By Mrs. Loree Sickel
Retired Missionary

To return to the land of one's former labors—this is what every retired missionary longs to do; however, few are able to realize that dream. But this past March I had the unexpected privilege of going back to the field which holds so many gracious and wonderful memories for me.

For several years discouraging reports had been coming to us from Argentina: of controversy, of serious differences between missionaries and national pastors, of churches leaving the demonination, of division in others. Those of us who were on the field when the controversy started knew just how serious the situation was and how easily Satan could use it to undo the work of years. But we also knew how the Lord at another time of even greater crisis had placed His hand upon that work and had carried it through to real victory and blessing. We looked to Him to do that again, knowing that He is able and is awaiting our expectant prayers.

Consequently, I went to Argentina with mixed emotions as I thought of the conditions I might find—of dear ones on either side of the controversial fence, of those who might have slipped back into the world, of lukewarm, half-hearted brethren, of churches without a vision.

But, how little faith I had! The Lord has worked in answer to our prayers, and I returned to the United States with my heart thrilled by what I saw.

I was reminded more than once of the experience of Nehemiah. The Brethren of Argentina are rebuilding the walls with living stones and stirring one another to a greater dedication of

life. One very dear friend, a Christian for many years but never a very active witness, voiced the feelings of many of the Brethren when she said to me: "I never felt I could do much for the Lord other than to occupy my place in the meetings. Then this upheaval came and we seemed to be so few; I just had to do something. I found that when I turned my life over to the Lord, there were things I could do. I have a greater peace and joy than I ever knew before." She was one of those whom I had expected to find downhearted and dejected because she has had to stand alone for the truth, so far as her family and that of her husband (who is now with the Lord) were concerned. But, far from it—she is a radiant Christian. She lives too far away from our Brethren churches to be used actively in any of them, but is developing into a very able "Bible woman" in another church. Similarly, many others in our churches have been aroused from their lethargy to see that there is a work to be done and it is theirs to do. This conflict has made them forget petty differences and unite in purpose.

One of the first churches I visited was Berrotoran, where during the years I had cooperated at different times, but the growth had been slow.

Much to my surprise, I found that the congregation had nearly tripled in size. The song leader for that night was a radiant young Christian who was just a lad of twelve when I left that part of the field. I was even more surprised when later I learned that he is the acting pastor of two small congregations and fills in at Berrotoran when Rev. Nelson Fay is unable to be there. This young man, only eighteen, has had to take over the management of the family farm and the support of an invalid father, stepmother, and small brothers, and so has not been able to get any formal preparation for the ministry. Nevertheless, he finds time for the Lord and His work.

In Rio Cuarto I found the congregation actually "rebuilding the wall" of the material church, which was badly in need of repair and painting, and of the invisible one as well. They not only have a mind to work, with the love of God constraining them, but also a mind to have their "work joined together." I found real unity in the congregation. During the time I was there, they were busy in two evangelistic efforts: a tent campaign in one of the suburbs of the city, and special meetings in the "templo" during Easter week. The young people of the

Argentina has wide-open pampas in the interior.



After an encouraging visit, a retired missionary reports, "It's the time of opportunity" in the pampas and cities of Argentina!

church, stirred under the ministry of their young pastor and his wife, have been very active. Two trained young married couples, inactive for some time, have rededicated their lives to work as counselors among these young people. The Lord enabling, we should be hearing of great things from this congregation.

That which most encouraged me everywhere was seeing young people at work. Cabrera was one of the three churches whose entire congregation, with the exception of only a very few, left the denomination along with their pastor. A few months ago one of the young men whose parents had gone with the movement came to our pastor to beg him to do something for the young people. This finally led to youth meetings in the Cabrera church, and the young people have come bringing unsaved cousins, friends, and others. Now many of the parents are rethinking their position, and are acknowledging that they did not know the real issue when they left. Some have returned and the Cabrera congregation is taking on new life.

While I was there, a youth rally held in Rio Cuarto was attended by young people from all of the field. One lad from Buenos Aires wanted to go so much that his parents finally dipped into their savings for a new home to make his going possible. One of the pastors told me that he considered this the best rally they had had in "years and years and years," not only in numbers but in unity of mind and purpose and dedication.

A few years ago two laymen from Berrotoaran felt the need of doing something in Gigena, a town of considerable size without a gospel witness. They took in the tent and its equipment and called upon Jack Churchill,



Buenos Aires is a typical bustling city in Argentina.

then the director of the Bible Institute, to come with some of his students to assist them. Decisions for Christ were made and follow-up work done. The outstanding result of the campaign was the conversion of one girl, who later taught in the Christian day school and who is now the wife of the pastor of the Cabrera and Deheza churches. Through her witness a sister was won. And now the sister, also a schoolteacher, and two other young people have financed the renting and equipping of a hall where the Gospel is being preached.

Tancacha, the home church of some important members of the movement, whose leaving hurt for a time, is now more alive than it has been for many years with new faces in the meetings and souls being saved. Here again, dedicated young people are at work.

In Cordoba, where I attended several meetings, and where they have been without a resident pastor for more than a year, I found the meetings well attended, and again a fine group of young people as well as a number of laymen busy for the Lord.

I was not able to get into all the congregations, nor does space permit the mention of all those I did visit. Although there are those still having

problems of various kinds, the overall picture is very good. Praise the Lord for this! I believe the day is not far distant when this work in Cordoba can be turned over entirely to the Argentines and the missionaries be free to go into some of the many unevangelized areas of the country. We have some fine prepared, dedicated ministers and consecrated laymen who can continue the evangelization of that part of the field.

Indeed, this is the time of opportunity in Argentina. As I traveled through the city of Buenos Aires and talked with church leaders, I was continually challenged by the tremendous need and opportunities—in housing projects mushrooming in the suburbs of the metropolis, in the new cities being built in the southern part of the country where the government is pushing the development of vast sections, in the Macedonian calls coming from many parts of that land in response to the radio work.

There is so much to be done and so few who are answering the call. The time is short! There is complete liberty for giving out the Gospel in whatever way possible. The need of the hour is for missionaries and missionary prayer warriors. Brethren, please ask the Lord how He would have you to help!

AFRICA TODAY

A Great Door With Many Adversaries

By Marvin L. Goodman

Missionary to Africa

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

We have been away from the field for a long two years. We have missed so much! God's blessing has been poured out, and thousands have been won to the Lord through the nationwide "Life in Christ" campaign. Perhaps, by being away at this time, we have missed the climax of our missionary endeavor of the past twenty-five years. On the other hand, it is just as possible that we are returning to the field at a time when the Lord has opened a greater and more effectual door than ever before. And the campaign may have been only the beginning.

This campaign has captured the enthusiasm of African Christians, and given them a great zeal for lost souls. This soul-winning fervor must be encouraged to continue as a normal, day-by-day, year-after-year ministry. The thousands of new converts must be instructed and fed on the great truths of God's Word. There is an increased need for a Bible-school ministry which will produce African pastors thoroughly furnished to feed the new flocks. There is a great field for an expanded literature ministry to provide food for spiritual appetites whetted to a keen edge by the campaign months.

As we go back to the field, we are also mindful that there are many adversaries. Wolves are stalking among God's sheep of the African fold in increasing numbers. The young lambs within the flock, not yet strengthened and nurtured on solid food, would seem to be easy prey. We must claim our Lord's promise for them: "When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth forth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10:4-5). But as we claim this promise, we must remember that we as under-shepherds may be one of the

chief instruments the Chief Shepherd may use to make His words effective.

Who are some of the wolves that would prey on God's flock in Central Africa? Prominent today is the wolf of ecumenicalism. He would have the sheep sell the birthright of the fundamentals of the faith for a mess of pottage called "unity." This "unity" would embrace sheep, goats, and wolves in one alliance stressing the human and social and negating any divine leadership. Such a cry for unity cannot be lightly dismissed, as it strikes a harmonious note in young African nations who are struggling hard to produce such a unity in the political realm. And its Pied-Piper sound is especially attractive in that it involves enticing financial offers to struggling young churches.

There are many other adversaries: Communism, Mohammedanism, materialism, and cultisms of all kinds. But we must not forget another potential adversary which must be dealt with daily. This adversary is ourselves and our attitudes. In the "new Africa" a missionary can defeat himself and his

own ministry quicker than any external adversary can. The paternalism of the early days cannot be retained today under any guise or form. We must be willing to work with and under young churches just "trying their wings." We may have to "go along" with ideas which we know are only second or third best, simply because these churches will only grow stronger by launching out with ideas which are their own. There may be other times when Biblical principles are involved which will not permit us to "go along." Then we must learn to stand firm, not in hostility, but with gentleness and meekness, hoping that in doing so we will win a hearing for God's Word, where a different attitude might bring antagonism against "white man's imperialism" in the spiritual realm.

Brethren, pray for us, and especially pray that we may not be our own greatest adversary. Pray that we may rightly apply Peter's advice to feed the sheep, not "being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples [examples] to the flock" (I Peter 5:3).

Goodmans Go Back in the Door

Dave, a Grace College graduate, has also studied in Grace Seminary and is presently serving as full-time assistant pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, working with Pastor Knute Larson, expecting in due time to return to Grace to complete his seminary studies. Anne is employed at the Cardinal Learning Center, Warsaw, Indiana, where she teaches handicapped young people. Paul is a junior at Grace College. Suzan was a freshman at Grace the past year, and this fall is entering nurses training at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



The Goodman family. Standing: Marvin, David, Paul; seated: Dorothy, Suzan, Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman arrived back in the Central African Republic on June 29.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Lots of MH'ers at Ankenytown!

The Missionary Helpers Club of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church at Bellville, Ohio, is really a big group of kids! Their leader is Mrs. Gladys McConkie (at right, back row) and her helper is Mrs. Mary Gegner (left, back row).

"We have set a goal of \$100 for our project this year. The children are interested and our offerings are very good," reports Mrs. McConkie. This church has Primary Church each Sunday for these kids, and the first Sunday of the month they have MHC along with Primary Church. "They enjoy it so much and are learning a lot," says Mrs. McConkie.

Rev. Larry Gegner is pastor of the church.



A letter from Kathy Hummel of Homerville, Ohio:

Dear Aunt Alys,

I am sending my coloring contest picture. I am also enclosing a picture of me as you requested.

I am going to Brethren church camp June 27 till July 2. There are seven other girls going, too.

I live on a farm and we milk about 65 cows. I don't have time to do much else, but I always find time to look into God's Word and pray for the missionaries. In SMM I memorized about all the verses and I got my pennant.

Love always,

Kathy Hummel





P.S. My picture isn't very good!

Sorry about that picture, Kathy—it really wasn't clear enough to print. But thanks for your good letter!

Here's Vickie Lute of Akron, Ohio. This new MH'er attends Sunday school at First Brethren, Akron, and is a member of the Junior SMM.



HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY

<p>I'M SURE ALL THE MH'ERS WOULD BE THRILLED TO GO TO MHC MEETINGS AT WINONA LAKE THIS MONTH</p> 	<p>AUNT ALYS ALWAYS HAS SO MANY FUN THINGS FOR THE KIDS DURING NATIONAL CONFERENCE</p> 	<p>BESIDES THAT, WE ALWAYS LEARN A LOT ABOUT MISSIONS, TOO ... I'M REALLY SORRY IT'S TOO FAR AWAY FOR SO MANY OF THE KIDS TO GO-</p> 	<p>WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TELL ALL ABOUT THE MEETINGS HERE ON THE CHILDREN'S PAGE AGAIN. WATCH FOR THIS - WITH PICTURES, IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS, KIDS!</p> 
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Homeward Bound

A number of missionaries either are presently in the United States for furlough or will be coming soon. This listing covers the current situation.

During June Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Miss Marie Mishler, and Miss Marian Thurston returned to C.A.R., and the George ("Duke") Wallace family to Brazil.



The Balzers

BALZER, Mr. and Mrs. Albert. Expected to arrive in U.S. in early August. Having completed another term, this is a regular furlough time for them; however, they are also retiring from missionary service after twenty-five years in C.A.R.

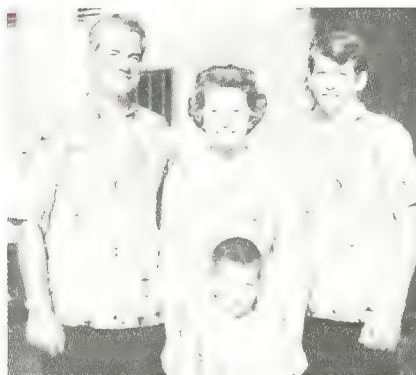


The Beringers

BEARINGER, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest. Concluding their first term in Brazil. Scheduled to arrive in U.S. in early July. Although entitled to regular furlough, they have requested only a six-month furlough so that they may return to their work more quickly.

BEAVER, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne. Regular furlough from C.A.R. Mrs. Beaver and Joe, their youngest child, flew to Los Angeles in late May, while Mr. Beaver traveled to several African countries to help in setting up saturation-evangelism campaigns similar to the recent "Life in Christ" campaign in the C.A.R. At the conclusion of this

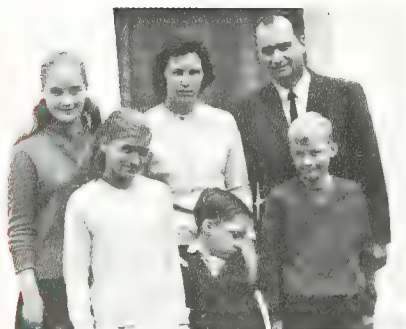
assignment he flew to Los Angeles via the Orient and Hawaii. Beavers' furlough headquarters is Lynwood, California.



The Beavers

CONE, Rev. and Mrs. George. The Cones, due for regular furlough from C.A.R. in the summer of 1970, expected to remain on the field an additional year. However, illness on the part of Mr. Cone necessitated the return of the family, including the three younger children, to the U.S. early in 1971, and they were in St. Petersburg, Florida, for several months. Mr. Cone's health is now much improved. The two older children, who had remained at a mission high school in the Congo, flew to the U.S. with the Peters family in early June and the family was reunited. The Cones expect to settle in the Winona Lake area, and Mr. Cone will take advanced work at Grace Seminary.

The Cones



The Covers

COVER, Rev. and Mrs. Robert and family. Arrived December 1970, for regular furlough from Argentina. Family is living in Tracy, California, during furlough. Mr. Cover has already been engaged in a great deal of deputa-tion work.



The Farners

FARNER, Rev. and Mrs. Timothy and two sons. Regular furlough from Brazil after first term of service. Scheduled to arrive in U.S. shortly after national conference.



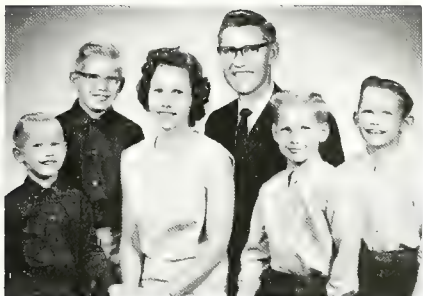
Miss Habegger

HABEGGER, Miss Mary Ann. Arriving in U.S. in September for regular furlough from C.A.R.



The Hammers

HAMMERS, Mr. and Mrs. Dan and daughter. Short furlough (October-January) after short term in France.



The Hockings

HOCKING, Rev. and Mrs. Don. Regular furlough from C.A.R. Need for surgery for the second son brought Mrs. Hocking and David to U.S. in April. Surgery was performed in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Family was reunited about the middle of June when Mr. Hocking and other three boys arrived in U.S. Most of furlough will be spent in Long Beach, California, while Mr. Hocking takes advanced work at Talbot Seminary.



HULL, Miss Margaret. Coming from C.A.R. in November for three-month furlough after short term.

Miss Hull



Miss Hulse



The Johnsons

JOHNSON, Rev. and Mrs. George and family. Arrived in Miami from Brazil in early June for short furlough (returning in early August) following short term.



The Judays

JUDAY, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and family. Arrived in U.S. on June 22 for regular furlough. Headquarters for furlough year: Osceola, Indiana. During a large part of the year, Mr. Juday anticipates teaching as well as acquiring further schooling to help in his work of teaching junior high young people in C.A.R.



The Maconaghys

MACONAGHY, Rev. and Mrs. Hill. Arrival date not definite—probably August or September. Regular furlough from Argentina.



The McDairmants

Mc DAIRMANT, Mr. and Mrs. Tom and family. Arrived in U.S. about Dec. 1, 1970, for regular furlough from C.A.R. Spent first part of furlough year in St. Petersburg, Florida; will spend remainder in Southern California. Mr. McDairmant was active in deputation in eastern states through spring missionary conferences.

MILLER, Miss Lois. Coming from C.A.R. in November for three-month furlough after short term.



Miss Miller

PARK, Miss Kwang Ja. From Brazil in January 1972, for regular furlough after first term on field.

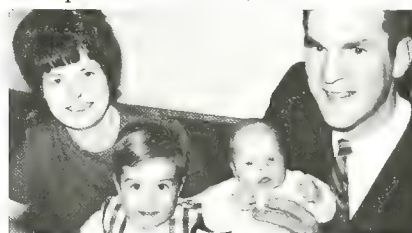


Miss Park



The Peters

PETERS, Mr. and Mrs. George and four sons. Arrived in late June for regular furlough from C.A.R. Furlough headquarters: Wooster, Ohio.



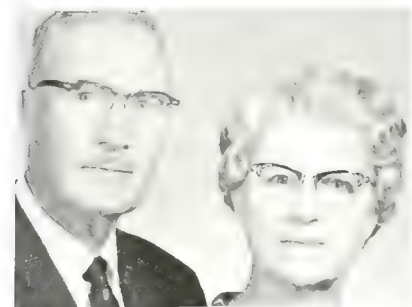
The Peughs

PEUGH, Rev. and Mrs. Roger and two sons. Scheduled for short furlough (July-October) following short term in Germany.



The Walkers

WALKER, Dr. and Mrs. William and family. From C.A.R. in June upon completion of their two-year term.



The Williams

WILLIAMS, Rev. and Mrs. Robert. Regular furlough from C.A.R., arriving about Sept. 1.

Church News

MACON, FRANCE. Dr. S. Herbert Bess, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Grace Theological Seminary, was stricken with a heart attack on July 1, while having lunch with the Julien family. The doctor anticipates that Dr. Bess will not be able to return to the USA for several months. Mail may be addressed to him in care of Mr. Henry S. Bryant, Centre Biblique, Geovresset par Oyonnax, 01, France.

COLUMBUS, OHIO. Bernard Simmons, recently of Winona Lake, has been called as one of the pastors on the pastoral staff of the Grace Brethren Church. Bernie is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Simmons of Kent, Wash. James Custer, pastor.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT SMM. Last year the SMM girls of this district gave a gift to the home-mission work in Alaska. On the day the authorities threatened to close the Kenai church unless fire extinguishers were installed (which would cost forty-nine dollars), the SMM check for fifty dollars arrived.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. "Dual blessings have come our way recently—we were received into the Midwest District Conference of churches at the district conference held in June at Albuquerque, N. Mex., and, second, our first annual Fourth of July retreat was held at the Langness Hideaway, which is located west of Pikes Peak, with a fine attendance of 45." Thomas Inman, pastor.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT. "Adventure With Purpose" was accomplished at an overnight retreat for men and boys of this district at Clay's Park, near Massillon, July 23-24. The campers profited from the program of outdoor adventure; trained, dedicated leadership; good fellowship; delicious food; and best of all a Christ-centered spiritual program.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Dr. and Mrs. William Walker and family were welcomed home as they arrived at the Cleveland airport on their return from a term of service on the African field. The Rittman church "family" accompanied the Walkers to their apartment, and there all enjoyed a time of fellowship. July 18 was WALKER DAY at the church with Dr. Walker speaking in the morning worship service, and in the evening pictures were shown of the medical work on the field. As a finale to the special day the Walkers were honored at a reception. Robert Russell, pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO. Prayer is requested for Rev. James D. Hammer, who suffered a heart attack on June 28, and was hospitalized. Mr. Hammer is the brother of Rev. Thomas Hammers, and is well known to many Brethren people. His address is 3617-A Wilmington, St. Louis, Mo. 63116.

HATBORO, PA. In addition to being honored by the Northern Atlantic District in late May for fifty years in the ministry, Rev. William Steffler, pastor of the Suburban Brethren Church, was honored again by his own church on July 3 and 4. A special "This Is Your Life" program was held on July 3, and many long-time friends were present, including Pastor Steffler's Sunday-school teacher when he was just eight years old, Miss Ruth A. Blue.

On Sunday, July 4, Dr. Orville D. Jobson spoke at the morning worship service, and greetings were brought by representatives of former pastorates Mr. Steffler has served. A luncheon and open house were held in the afternoon, and in the evening service testimonies were given by a number of persons, including Rev. Ralph Burns of the Missionary Herald Co. Rev. Kenneth E. Russell, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, New Holland, Pa., was the speaker at the evening service.

ROANOKE, VA. On Sunday evening, June 6, after the worship service, the Clearbrook Brethren Church had a reception for their new pastor and wife. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all and many gifts were received by the Flowers. C. A. Flowers, pastor.



COLUMBUS, OHIO. Teens in the Grace Brethren Church here have started the singing group pictured above called "The Joyful Noise." It is directed by Paul Mutchler, a student at Ohio State University.

They have just completed a nine-day tour in the East, appearing in churches in Washington, D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. They also spent two days at Camp Tuk-a-Way, the Southeast District camp, and appeared on TV stations in Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia. Through music and testimonies, the teens witness and relate what Christ means to them. James Custer, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Merton A. Lambert, 6744 Boer Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90606, (Tel. 695-2093). Rev. and Mrs. Marion Thomas, Town House, Apt. 3, 1775 Moore St., Fremont, Ohio 43420. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dell, 3818 Mangel Dr., Kettering, Ohio 45429. Mr. Dell has accepted the pastorate of the Calvary Brethren Church. Please change *Annual*.

BERNE, IND. Rev. Earle Peer has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Bethel Brethren Church. He began his ministry here July 25.

UNION AND WEST MILTON, OHIO. God continues to bless the Community Grace Brethren Church in many ways. It was less than two years ago that this group took a step of faith in establishing a testimony in this community. Regular services are now conducted in a new building located about halfway between the two towns. The floors are carpeted throughout the sanctuary and the educational units of the building. Attendances have been very good, having set records of 151 for the morning worship service, 139 in Sunday school, and 109 in a recent communion service. Irvin Miller, pastor.

PENNSYLVANIA. Two couples recently received congratulations upon 50 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Compton, of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, received their friends at an open house on June 6, and Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery, of the First Brethren Church of West Kittanning, celebrated with their friends on June 19. Topping these by a year, a 51st Wedding Anniversary was observed by the William Metzgers of Martinsburg. Congratulations to these couples.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Peggy Gingrich and Edwin McFalls, May 8, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Marilyn Kay Byers and Thomas Lee Barnes, May 22, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Ida Shock and Clifton Webb, June 4, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.



WOOSTER, OHIO. Associate Pastor Thomas Miller, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, was formally ordained into the Christian ministry, Sunday, May 9, 1971. Participating in the service from the local church were Pastor Kenneth Ashman, Moderator Miles Firestone, and charter member of the congregation, Herbert Stair. Dean Walter, Washington, D.C., former pastor at Vicksburg Brethren Church, the home church of Mr. Miller, was the special speaker. Mr. Miller is married to the former Donna Grady. They have two children, Annette and Tamara.

Pat Shock and James Rogers, June 4, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Cathy Gingrich and Dale Coe, June 5, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Elizabeth Kirn and Stanley Nairn, June 5, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Linda Morrell and Jerry Walker, June 5, Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.

Vivienne Himes and Tad Hobert, June 11, Salem Mennonite, Kidron, Ohio. Pastor Kenneth Ashman assisted in the ceremony.

Mary Beth Huelsman and Claude Atkins, June 11, Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Janice Hershey and James Gardner, June 12, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Nancy Sloan and Terry Hartman, June 12, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Rachel Harger and Larry Davis, June 13, Chapel at Clear Lake Brethren Church Camp, Naches, Wash.

Marsha Roeser and John Ley, June 19, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Janice Berryhill and Dean Via, June 25, First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio. Rev. Ralph Miller, foster father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Vernon Schrock.

Jane Botdorf and Duane Buchanan, June 25, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

Carlene Weirick and Donald Duncan, June 26, Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lloyd Woolman, dean of men, Grace Schools. Carlene is bookstore assistant at the College Bookstore, Winona Lake, Ind.

Cheryl Ackerly and D. Brent Sandy, June 26, Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Vestal, N. Y. Rev. A. Rollin Sandy, father of the groom, assisted in the service.

Kay Wise and James Grenz, July 2, Grace Brethren Church of Toppenish, Wash.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

HATCH, Mrs. Lucy, mother of Chaplain Burton Hatch, went to be with the Lord April 24. Her funeral was April 26 with Dr. Charles W. Mayes officiating.

A climate of expectancy was created in Jerusalem at the Conference on Biblical Prophecy. Not everyone agreed on how Christ would come, but all were convinced He was coming, and His coming was near.

"Till He Come"

Part 3



The Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy

By Tom Julien



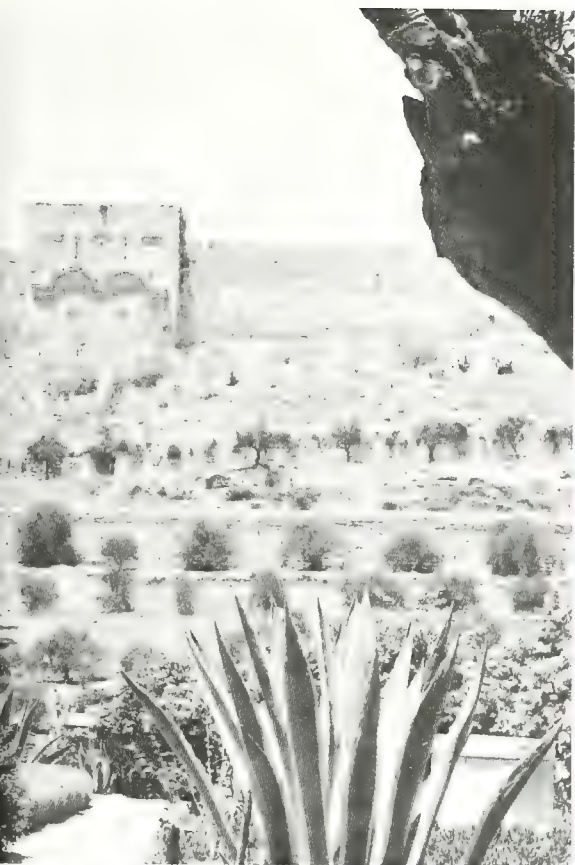
Dr. Ben Gurion welcomed the conference to Jerusalem. He is flanked on the right by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, chairman of the conference, and Dr. G. Douglas Young, director of the American Institute of Biblical Studies which hosted the conference.

Perhaps the greatest highlight of the conference was the simple fact of having it in Jerusalem. No longer did the prophecies being discussed concern faraway people in a faraway land. We were there, and we knew that while we were there those things could happen.

Another highlight was the morning devoted to youth. Chaired by Larry Poland, youthful president of the Miami Christian University and member of the Brethren Church, these sessions opened our eyes to the urgent need of shaking off outmoded and unbiblical traditions in order to move with God's Spirit today. It was significant that on the same day these youth were singing and speaking to us from the platform, the current issue of *Time* magazine appeared on all the newsstands of Jerusalem with its cover story on the Jesus Movement.

Tom Skinner preached, and here was modern youth personified. Reckless and extreme, but at the same time honest and devoted, he declared that with or without the help of their elders, the young people were going to move out to reach the world. But he appealed for help. Citing the prophecy of Joel, he exclaimed that this is the day that young men are having visions, and that this is the day that old men should dream dreams.

Those who came to Jerusalem will long remember the



Above left: The Golden Gate of Jerusalem, seen from the Garden of Gethsemane. Tradition says Christ will enter Jerusalem by this gate. For years the gate has been walled shut. Right: A communion service on the Mount of Olives, with nearly 1,500 Christians participating, was a moving conclusion to the conference.

Over 1,500 Christians gathered on the Mount of Olives to repeat, "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show forth the death of the Lord till He come."

music; this must be included as a highlight of the conference. The Bible says that the coming of the Lord will be accompanied with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. Whether those sounds will be expressed in melody, we cannot say, but we do know that when the saints are gathered about the heavenly throne their voices will peal forth in a mighty hymn of praise to the Lamb.

Many felt they had a preview of that heavenly music at the conference. In fact, the singing may have been just as important as the messages, for it created an atmosphere that gave the messages some of their force.

In a darkened auditorium the conference opened with the sounds of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. From a high balcony on the right came the voices of the superb Azusa Pacific College choir. Jerome Hines sang "The Holy City," and Anita Bryant, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." The assembly, directed by Ron Huff, sang the mighty hymns of His return, accompanied by the orchestra. It was a moving experience.

The final highlight of the conference was the communion service, held on the Friday morning after the three days of messages.

Something that the Ecumenical movement has never achieved, in spite of years of effort, occurred simply and

without ceremony on the Mount of Olives, when 1,500 Christians of dozens of denominations gathered reverently to accept the bread and cup offered by pastors whose ecclesiastical background became insignificant.

There, on the same spot that Christ ascended some 2,000 years ago, we listened to these words, "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show forth the death of the Lord, till He come."

I, for one, shall never forget that experience. On that mountain I felt something different from anything I had felt before. It was as if we no longer existed as striving, failing individuals, but were simply absorbed in something greater, His body. The past with its achievements and disappointments, the future with its hopes and perplexities—all this seemed far away and of little importance. Yet, this being absorbed in something greater than self did not seem to be a loss of self, but rather produced, in those fleeting moments, a heightened consciousness of who we really were as individuals. There was a sense of losing one's life to refine it in Him. And there was peace.

As we wandered down the mountainside, through the Garden of Gethsemane and back to Jerusalem, some of us wondered whether we had been given a tiny foretaste of what was to come.

My life was dedicated to full-time service for the Lord and that's exactly what I've done—twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. I've never missed a church service.

The Forgotten Member

By Miss Tina Hall

(Editor's Note: Miss Tina Hall is thirteen years old and lives in Boones Mill, Virginia. This essay recently won first place at a Southeast District Youth Rally. It is printed because of its quality and also to recognize the talent of our youth in the Fellowship.—CWT)

Greetings folks!! We hear so much in this day about church—we hear remarks of all kinds, some good, some bad, some—well, some are just idle comments made by well-meaning people, but you know what I mean—“Sunday School for me? You're kidding! Church? Strictly for squares—old folks with nothing better to do! Really, I'd love to go to church, but I just have so much to do . . . I just don't have time.”

Most young people think of church in tones of “having to” rather than a privilege. They feel they can make it on Sunday morning—if they have to. Sunday night is a “sometimes” deal, but who ever heard of a teenager going to prayer meeting? What a fate!

Well, folks, may I bend your ear for a few minutes? I've had quite a life. No—I'm not a beauty, although when I was younger I was smooth, unscarred by the hands of time. Now lines are beginning to appear, scars that time has etched upon me are showing, but for each of these I have an interesting

tale to tell. You see, I became a member of this church when I was young and beautiful. I've been around now for many years, all of which have been spent here within these walls, never roaming from one church to another as so many Christians do. My life was dedicated to full-time service for the Lord and that's exactly what I've done—twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year! I've never missed a service since my dedication.

Although I'm seldom noticed, or talked about, I'm still a very important member, often taken for granted. I've been the silent strength for many a nervous person, whether it was a frightened teen or a somewhat “shaky” preacher. I'm always around here whenever needed, as all good Christians should be. I've even had a few bruises from some fists, but all Christians should have a few marks of true service for our Lord. Even though I do hear and see quite a bit, I never repeat anything, or start any “good juicy gossip.” Let me reveal just a few things I've seen, heard, or experienced since becoming a member.

I remember my first Sunday morning here, I was so proud to be serving the Lord! How sweet a thrill! just to hear the Scripture being read, prayers

being offered to our Lord. The music made my very depths proud! Oh, yes, one of the ushers dropped an offering plate—my, what a clatter—and was his face a beautiful shade of crimson! Then the preacher gave a wonderful message on “How To Be Saved and Know It.” He read many passages from the Bible, but the one that really stayed with me was from John 3:16—“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

In my years here, I've heard so many wonderful messages from God's Holy Book—from Genesis to Revelation. All have thrilled my very being. In the Book of Genesis, the creation of the world is revealed in such marvelous detail, who could ever doubt that God made everything that was made. He holds the entire world in His glorious hands!

I've heard so many wonderful stories related about the men of God and how they braved many dangers and fears, but were always victorious because they had God on their side.

One, for instance, was of Daniel. Daniel was cast into the den of lions by the king, and was told to let his God whom he served save him. In

Daniel 6:18-21, we are told the king could not sleep so he went to the den and called for Daniel. Daniel appeared, unharmed by the lions, and said, "O king, live for ever."

Job was another who was tried, but in the end was victorious. Job had great wealth, and was a firm believer in God. Satan said if Job's wealth, family, and health were taken, he would lose faith in God. "All right, try Job," was God's reply—"but you cannot take his life." Job was tried, his wealth, family, everything was taken; but Job never lost his faith, not even when he was plagued with boils. God then restored his wealth, family and health.

David was another of my favorites. Just imagine—he took one small stone and killed a giant! He was offered armor and a shield to protect himself, but David chose only five small stones. After David killed Goliath, he used the giant's own sword to cut off the giant's head.

I remember my first Christmas here, oh, what a lovely time! In one corner stood a huge tree, with lights and decorations, beautifully wrapped packages underneath its lovely green branches—then the pastor gave the most beautiful story I ever heard. He read from Matthew, Mark and Luke of the birth of a baby—a very special baby—JESUS! Such a sweet and lovely story; my very being did rejoice. Although while the sermon was being delivered, I did see a number of small eyes straying to the packages—and one small, freckled boy looking as if he would pop if the preacher didn't quit. He was able to contain himself with the help of a stern look from his father.

I've seen so many beautiful weddings, too. You know, they say all

brides are beautiful—well, I've seen all kinds. Some tall, short, nervous, smiling, and some so scared, they cried. Of course, all mothers cry at weddings. I remember one very exciting wedding—everything was lovely, orderly, and very beautiful, except for one small thing—the groom was so nervous he dropped the ring and it rolled, and rolled, everyone trying to see where it went. Finally, it was recovered and all went well.

Along with the happier times, we've had some sadness. When some of our dear, faithful members would go to be with the Lord—we rejoiced that they were present with Him—but, oh, how our hearts ached because of the loss in our midst! Some were very young, some very old—God does not promise anyone a certain length of life—that's why we must be ready to meet God any time.

I've had my humorous moments, too. I overheard one little girl talking about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Her lesson had been on these three, and she had difficulty in remembering their names. Later, she nicknamed them, "Ham, Eggs, and Bacon."

One thing I've seen a lot of is s-l-e-e-p-i-n-g! I think a lot of people come to church just to catch up on their sleep. Take one fellow who is a regular "Joe." He takes his seat, listens to the music, and when the message starts—well, you guessed it—he sleeps! The invitation wakes him, and he's already for a nice afternoon of his favorite sport. He always tells the preacher what a good sermon he gave! Then, there's the note passing! Boy, do I see a lot of that! There's also the Sunday-school teacher who studies his lesson for the next Sunday. There's also the Sunday-school student who reads his

lesson for the next week.

People don't know it, but from where I "sit" I can see everything they do. Also, some people constantly whisper and "play" during church. I'm not just talking about children—some adults are just as bad.

I've seen many people come up front to accept Christ as their Saviour. Some are faithful members and others... well... like one fellow we'll call Jim. When he was twenty, he said he wanted to accept Christ as his personal Saviour and dedicate his life to Christ. He came about five weeks and then that was the end of Jim. He completely forgot his promise. On the other hand, there is another we'll call James. He dedicated his life to Christ sixty-two years ago and hasn't missed a Sunday in sixty years. He is faithful and true and a good Christian. His sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all serve the Lord as faithfully as he does.

Oh yes—lest I forget—I've seen my share of pastors come and go—some short, fat, and humorous; some tall, bald and serious; others old and stooped, or young and ambitious—but all with one purpose—to preach Christ to a lost and dying world. Thank God for them all.

I've heard rumors that I might be replaced by a newer, more modern "member," but I'm thankful to God for permitting me to serve him as long as I have.

I have probably aroused your curiosity by the things I have seen and heard. Perhaps you are wondering how I know all these things. Perhaps you are saying by now: "My, what a busy-body, a real nosey gossip." But rest assured, my lips are sealed. You see—the reason for my vast knowledge—I'm the preacher's pulpit!



By Mrs. Dean Risser
Pastor's Wife
Coraopolis, Pa.



As the alarm went off on Tuesday morning, I looked outside to see if it was raining. "Oh, dear, it wasn't." I thought if it was, then I wouldn't have to go. Soon I remembered that my hair needed washing and I really shouldn't go out as it was. Then, drinking my morning coffee, I thought of those two letters that should be mailed by noon today. And the house reminded me that if someone should drop in unexpectedly—well, I really should clean some. Then I thought perhaps I shouldn't drive the car today, it might stall again. After being assured by my husband that the car was working all right, I thought what a lovely morning it was to do some shopping.

Why had I thought of all those things to do on Tuesday morning? Why was I having a battle inside and being torn about so many things to do? The reason: Tuesday morning is church visitation day—the only day that we set aside to go out to visit and to tell people of Christ. The Lord says in His Word, "Go." And if the Lord says to go, why was I having all these thoughts of other things to do? Why was there a battle within me? Again I thought, perhaps visiting was not my talent. Could I honor the Lord more by keeping my home nice and caring for the needs of my family? Inside of me there was a real battle each Tuesday. Why?

The Lord showed me that these thoughts were of self and even of Satan. And if they were of self and Satan, then I was not completely filled with the Holy Spirit. If I did not have the will of Christ in this, then I was not filled with His will. The Bible says that the Lord is "not willing that any should perish" (II Peter 3:9). A desire to "Go" and share Christ with others does not come with a quick prayer fifteen minutes before time to go calling. One cannot neglect true fellowship with Christ during the whole week and suddenly become very spiritual and burdened on Tuesday mornings.

I have experienced in my life that I

must "think God" every day—all day. I must awaken every day thinking about Him. My Bible reading cannot be a haphazard routine ritual. Instead it has to become a time when I ask, "Lord, what are You trying to tell me today?" As I am filled with His Spirit, I do not think, "What can I do today?" but rather, "Lord, what can we do today?" "How can we improve this living room?" Or, "Lord, what neighbor should we see today?" Sometimes, it is, "Lord, would you please help me as I shop to stretch the money and buy wisely?" And as I'm in the store and notice the cashier I wonder if she is a Christian, "Lord shall I give her a tract?" Once, I met a survey lady on the corner of a shopping mall who stopped me to ask a question, I wondered if she were a Christian. The Lord helped me to ask her and then to share the plan of salvation with her. When a salesman called me on the phone to sell books, the Lord reminded me to ask him if he were a Christian. Being filled with the Holy Spirit involves a constant thought relationship with Christ.

How can we say we love the Lord and not think about Him all day long? How can we say that Christ lives within and not constantly share our thoughts with Him and He share His thoughts with us? How can we say we are His when our mouth, our actions, and our time deny we even know Him? If you have little ones in the home, do you take every opportunity to share Christ with them, desiring that "Christ be formed in you [them]"? (Read Gal. 4:19).

Yes, the "Battle of Tuesday" has slowly faded. Some days there is real anticipation as to what the Lord has planned. Self thoughts still come and Satan never ceases to discourage, but how grateful I am that the Lord has chosen me to be one of His and that He lives within me. I haven't won all of the battles of the Christian life, but I have the presence of Christ himself who is able to win those battles as I let Him.—Mrs. Dean Risser, president of the Allegheny District WMC

Why had I thought of all those things to do on Tuesday morning?

THE BATTLE OF TUESDAY



Values! Bargains! Save!



After scanning the front page headlines, we turn quickly to study this week's bargains: "Fantastic Savings," "Special Purchases," "Real Values," "Buy Now," "Your Choice," "See For Yourself" . . .

Real bargains? Maybe . . . or were they only marked up in order to be marked down? Or soiled, torn or otherwise imperfect? Or a special purchase of low quality merchandise? Could it be they are not bargains after all? Yet, we daily study the ads, and often take our charge plates and "See for ourselves."

But there are REAL BARGAINS, real values, found on the pages of God's Word: Unbelievable Joy, Fantastic Peace, Unbeatable Strength—and satisfaction is guaranteed!

We can rely on the One who purchased them for us at so great a cost to himself. He has canceled our debt. (No charge plate is needed.) But these treasures are ours only if we know about them—only when we take time to read God's Word and let Him give them to us.

Will you search the Word *daily* and see for yourself the unbelievable values, purchased specially for you—and given freely to all who will come?

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy . . . yea, come, buy . . . without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1).

—Mrs. Kenneth Koontz,
President of the East District WMC



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B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
Mrs. Bernath M. Klus, Jr. October 27
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

BRAZIL—

Sharon Marie Schwartz October 2, 1960
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
Rev. George A. Johnson October 5
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
Timothy Roy Burk October 8, 1958
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
Mrs. Bill A. Burk October 18
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

FRANCE—

Jacqueline Sue Julien October 19, 1964
30, rue Gambetta, 71—Macon, France.

HAWAII—

Mrs. Edmund M. Leech October 2
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MEXICO—

Sharon Louise Churchill October 5, 1959
2758 Caulfield Drive, Imperial Beach, California 92032.
Jonathan Paul Dowdy October 12, 1962
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924.
Martin Paul Guereña October 31, 1960
Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D.F., Mexico.

COSTA RICA—

Mark Steven Davis October 7, 1965
c/o Spanish Language Institute (parents in language study),
Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Rev. Timothy H. Farner October 2
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Viki Joe Cover October 8, 1955
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Kimberly Joe Cone October 14, 1953
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
Karissee Ann Cone October 16, 1957
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
Daniel Eugene Peters October 27, 1955
c/o G. A. Johnson, Route 7, Batdorf Road, Wooster Ohio, 44691.
Joseph Edman Beaver October 27, 1963
11301 Harris Avenue, Lynwood, California 90262.

Highlights of a Fruitful Year

Greetings from the Northwest District WMC! Our district includes churches in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. When Kenai was added to our district we became the largest area-wide district in the Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We have twelve WMC councils in our thirteen churches, so we are far from the largest in numbers.

We have two rallies a year, one in February in conjunction with district conference, and the other in the fall. Since our churches are quite a distance apart, overnight lodging is arranged for each rally. In October 1970 we had our rally at Opportunity, Washington, in 1971 we had it at Clear Lake, California.

see how close to the goal we have come.

The district youth camp at Clear Lake, Washington, is a very valuable asset to our churches. Many of the district WMC projects have been toward the improvement of our camp. Recently, the WMC purchased material for formica-topped tables and benches for the dining hall; window screens and electric heaters for some of the cabins; and a number of life jackets. Camp Clear Lake is one we are proud of, and know we can safely send our children there to hear the Word of God. Many young lives have been changed as a result of camp where souls are saved and lives dedicated to full-time Christian service.

One district project that is always a challenge and a joy is the canning of fruits and vegetables for the Navajo Mission. During 1970 over 1,100 gallons of produce was canned and sent to the mission. This is truly a labor of love and we are all thankful to share our bountiful supply with the children

who need it. It is wonderful to hear later how these boys and girls come to know the Lord as Saviour and are continuing to grow spiritually as well as physically.

We also have projects of helping with the support of each new missionary who leaves our district to serve on the foreign field, and with each new home-mission church in our district. Our current project is a goal of \$300 divided in the following way: \$100 for a portable French keyboard typewriter for Africa, \$100 for a typewriter for the home-mission church at Richland, and the balance for camp Clear Lake—used as the camp trustees decide.

We are all busy women with homes, families and jobs to take care of as well as having the responsibility of serving the Lord as He directs in church and WMC. Sometimes, we get discouraged when we see all there is to do, and we would like to take a rest. Here is a poem I came across that might be a help to someone else.—
Valerie Cowles, president

The Answer

*When you're asked to do a job and you really think you can't,
You think you're overloaded and spare time is just too scant.
You try to make excuses; they all sound good to you,
But when you tell them to the Lord, they don't always ring true.
When you weigh the time you've given, against the time He gave for you,
It's hard to say, "I've done enough. Let someone else do something, too."
Sometimes we think He asks so much of those whom He inspired,
But we know when much is given, much will also be required.
The only way to face the challenge is to wrestle it in prayer,
When you've laid the case before Him, you will find the answer there.*

Anonymous

A testimony by Trudy Hetrick

PRAYER

The inspiration to write about prayer came from our daughter, Vanessa, age thirteen. Changing schools in mid-term is very difficult for a child. Just before leaving for class, Vanie said, "Boy, Mom, I'm worried about my test today." I just answered as would any Christian mother, "Why worry when you can pray." (Sound familiar?) The words did not stop there. All through the day my mind was on prayer.

I wakened in the early hours this morning thinking of prayer. Last evening our pastor, Dean Risser, preached about writing your thoughts. Strange that he should speak on this since I wanted to tell the whole world of Christ's answer to my prayers.

We pray—or do we just mutter words? God forbid! We would think people were rude if they did not give us their attention when we were talking to them. Even more so ought we to realize, when we speak to Jesus, to whom we are talking. Jesus said not to pray as the scribes and Pharisees for they are known for their eloquent speaking!

I know God answers prayer! Matthew 21:22 says: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." People are so much like children. Perhaps

that is why Christ said to come as a child. They have to have proof.

I prayed much the day of Vanie's test. I just told God all the things He already knew. How hard this test was for her since she did not have the same work in her former school. Does God answer prayer? She made the highest grade in the class that day! Proud mother? No, to God be the Glory.

My husband, John, was very sick in February of this year. He was in the hospital in Pittsburgh. After all sorts of tests they found the seventh disc in his back was ruptured. His doctor said he would need surgery. The doctor was to go on a vacation for two weeks and would operate when he returned. My husband was in misery. I felt completely helpless. The only thing one could do was pray. Too bad we have to be in jams to pray.

Many prayed for John! Does God answer prayer? God, the Great Physician, heard and answered our prayers. John was completely healed. He had an appointment with the doctor this past Monday and the doctor's comment was, "I'm glad I kept my knife in my pocket!" What a testimony to our precious Jesus who sits on the right hand of God interceding for us!

Jesus said, "Call upon me and I will show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Think again when you pray. Jesus, the King of kings, not only has time to listen to what we say, but wants us to speak to Him daily and talk over our problems with God the Father.

(WMC editor's note: Trudy is from the Bon Meade Grace Brethren Church of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. She and her family moved March 1, 1971, from Kokomo, Indiana, where they were active members in the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church.

WMC District Gleanings

Rowland Heights, Calif. Thirty-five women enjoyed hearing Mrs. Ray Davis, missionary-in-training for Puerto Rico, speak at the mother-daughter tea at Hillside Brethren Church.

The WMC ladies have provided the church with over fifty place settings of dinnerware as a recent project.—*Barbara Painter, president*

Conemaugh, Pa. At the recent mother-daughter banquet at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Mrs. Edmund Smagge, co-director of the Anchorage (Alaska) Rescue Mission, challenged ninety-seven women and girls to greater service for Christ. Mr. Smagge gave reports of the mission on Wednesday and as the women gathered, the men met to see slides of interior Alaska mission points and the physical challenges of outdoor living.

Columbus, Ohio. Can you imagine starting a WMC group with only four ladies out of thirty-five knowing *anything at all* about WMC? Well, that is exactly what did happen in Columbus, Ohio, on May 18, 1970. Not that we had not wanted to start sooner, for Mrs. Kenneth Ashman had come down about two years ago to help us get something going. It was a real blessing for us to have her share her experiences with us and we remembered what she had to say, for when our pastor's wife, Triceine Custer, encouraged us to start a WMC, we responded.

At our first meeting, Mrs. Custer gave us a detailed report of what each officer's job consisted of and what WMC stood for. She handed out packets consisting of the WMC constitution, covenant cards, and all the Pen Pointers. This was a big help to those who knew nothing of our mission program.

There is no money in our treasury at present—we sent it all out. Approximately forty-five dollars was divided

Produce Your Cause

By Mrs. Althea Miller

"Produce Your Cause" will be a series of 12 articles by Althea Miller in which she will deal with the Christian and the causes we espouse.—CWT

What's Your Thing?

Nobody, but nobody is anybody today unless he espouses a cause. The world doesn't necessarily call for nobility or purity of cause; it just demands you have one. The outcry carries the overtones of an age-old compulsion to be needed and loved—maybe even important, while passing through life.

Hopefully you're not among the avant-garde possessing an oversized ego which may actually "manufacture" a cause developed from pet peeves or personal frustrations. Don't worry about how your ends are achieved, even if they call for destructive tactics! Your ego says the end justifies the means—any means. Exert enough influence, dream up outlandish prevarications, mix enough truth with falsehood to appear creative, sprinkle generously with personal identification in the cause, exude charm, wrap it all up with a loud cry for justice and equality, no matter the price. Any price. And voila! You have a cause and a following.

Interestingly enough, this "cause" phenomenon is not original with the twentieth century. A cursory look reveals that history is pockmarked with causes of any and every hue. The frightening aspect of today's causes is often the multiplicity, duplicity and crass ignorance of their creators. Space forbids a recording of any current cause celebre. Suffice it to take a look at what God says on the subject

through Isaiah.

"Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob" (Isa. 41:21).

You didn't know this is in the Bible? Join the Club. Neither did I until about a year ago when it hit me between the eyes. God sounds like a twentieth century "cause maker"!

If you would better understand the reasoning behind God's challenge to Israel, "Produce your cause," don't fail to read Isaiah, chapter 41. Here, God sets forth His own character and greatness in strong contradistinction to man's puny genius. The crescendo of this magnificent lyric is reached in verse 20. Notice all that God has done—"That they [Israel and all peoples] may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it." I can almost feel the moment of stark silence that wrapped the people as God's voice fell from heaven, and cringe with them as His message finally penetrated their consciousness like the sound of crashing symbols and rolling drums. Now, vain, unstable people of Mine—*Produce your cause*. Best My record, if you can!

If you're like me you will sit in awe and wonder before this canticle and ponder long its implications. You will begin to question the value of your own cause(s), nebulous though they be, or indisputably real. You will be compelled to cry to your Father for wisdom to sort out feelings from facts, deep emotions from dizzy excitement,

truth from truism, worth from whimsy, and examine your cause in the pristine light of God's Word.

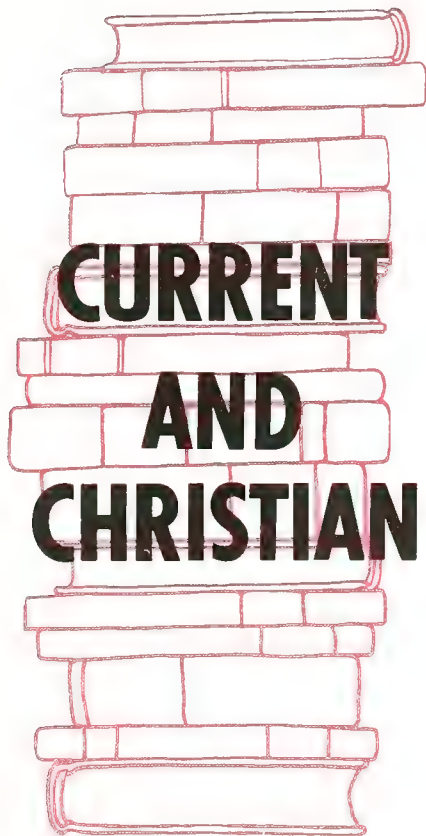
As we launch this series we'll be examining some of today's causes from a Biblical perspective. Does God's Word say anything about liberty vs. license; create vs. conform, and so forth? Have these concepts anything in common with today's causes?

Surely it isn't wrong to hate war and espouse peace. (But what methods should be used to rid the world of war? More violent upheavals?) It has to be humane to feed the hungry, heal the sick who cannot help themselves. The rich must be forced (?) to give abundantly to the poor. Government is all wrong; the masses can get along better by each doing his "thing" his own way. History and experience have no value; the Now generation knows best. (Have they forgotten there's always been a Now generation?) Enough! You've heard all this and more. You have agonized, empathized, sympathized; felt and expressed anger with despair; felt twisted, manhandled, confused. You've heard that every vitally alive person must have some cause for which he is willing both to live and die. Nobody lives in a vacuum. But at this point you'd rather insulate and isolate yourself from earth's disturbing elements. How to cope with your emotions and the problems?

Without apology it must be established that basic to every act of godless rebellion is a matter that God calls SIN. The rebel will spit in your eye with scorn when you mention this, but that doesn't change the awesome facts. However good the cause, it cannot come to the fruition hoped for by its creators until and unless men are made at one with God through the Atonement of Jesus Christ on Calvary. So your cause must begin at the point of greatest need—man's spirit which, apart from Christ, is alienated from God.

Perhaps your cause needs rethinking in light of your relationship to Jesus Christ. Is doing your "thing" building yourself and others in our present evil world which is certainly no friend of Grace? Is retreat from the world and its causes God's plan for the Christian?

Think on this as together in future months we explore something of what it means to—"Produce your cause." ☛



Great Hymns of the Faith

John Peterson, editor and compiler
(Grand Rapids: Zondervan), Red, blue
and green, \$2.25; Loose leaf, \$5.00.

This hymnal contains a wide selection of songs. Not only are the old familiar hymns in it but also the newer gospel songs like, "How Great Thou Art" and "He Is Everything To Me." Our best discovery came after we began using the hymnals. Mr. Peterson has revised a large percent of the old familiar hymns and transposed them down a step or so into a lower key. It may come as a little shock to a pianist who has played the hymns so often that they are memorized—and suddenly she has to watch the notes. But it is a delightful help to the average congregation where most singing voices cannot reach the higher notes. There are also some harmony surprises occasionally with added new sounds to the older arrangements. I am well pleased with the book and trust that these observations will be helpful to other churches who are looking for new hymnals.—Geneva Inman, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Twice Upon a Time

Aesops Fables for the 20th
Century Christian

Donald McCall (Chicago: Moody
Press, 1971), 140 pages, Cloth, \$3.95.

Pastor Donald McCall in his book *Twice Upon A Time* begins with the premise that short stories such as fables are "one of the most popular means of instruction."

He, thus, takes Aesop's Fables, fictitious tales, and uses them as "introductions to passages in the Word of God: that we might project the ideas of the fables into the ideals of Biblical thought."

He begins with one of the most familiar and popular fables, "The Hare and the Tortise," and uses it as an introduction to Galatians 5:7: "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" The fable does become a good illustration of Biblical truth.

At the conclusion of each fable he gives a summary of the moral of the story. This is very useful and practical.

The book is written in an easy-to-read style and both pastors and lay people will benefit from a reading of it. There are no "difficult" or "hard-to-understand" sections. The book can be useful in a personal and devotional time.

I enjoyed the book very much. Some good practical lessons are there for the reader to grasp and appropriate in daily living.—Eloy Pacheco, pastor, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

RECOMMENDED READING

The Church at the End of the 20th Century

IVP \$3.95

Francis A. Schaeffer

The Late Great Planet Earth

Zondervan \$1.95/\$3.95

Lindsey and Carlson

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Moody Press \$6.95

Dr. John Walvoord

Expository Messages on the New Birth

BMH Books \$1.95

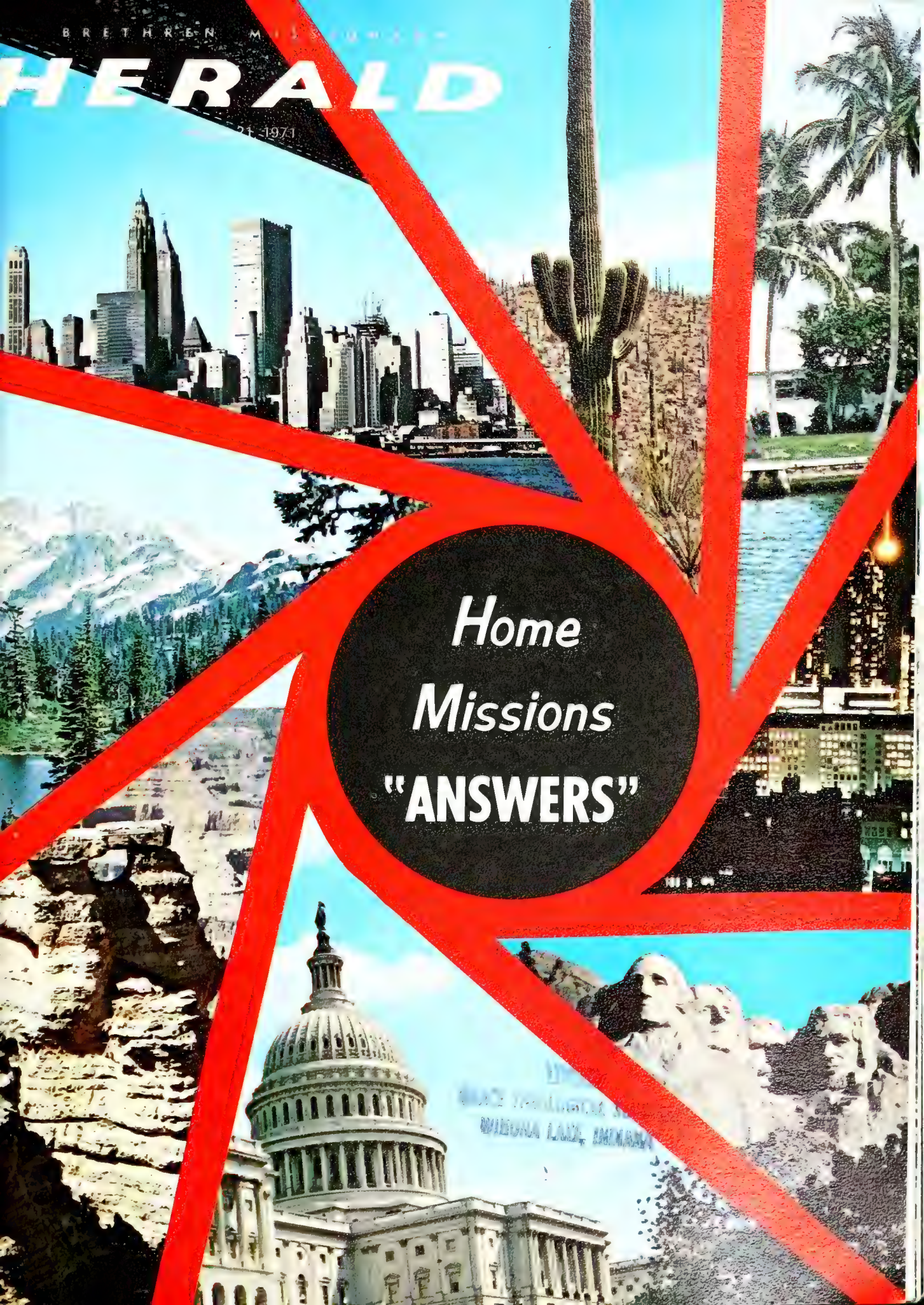
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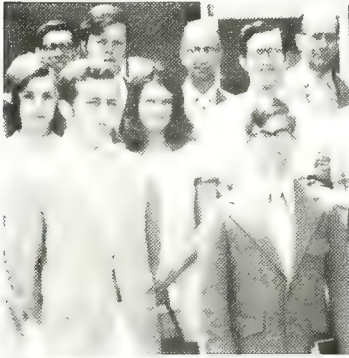
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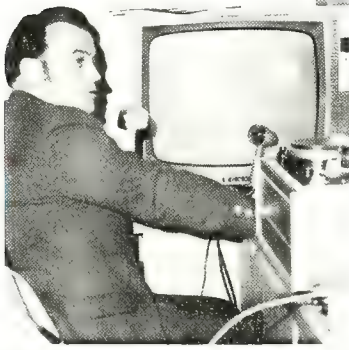
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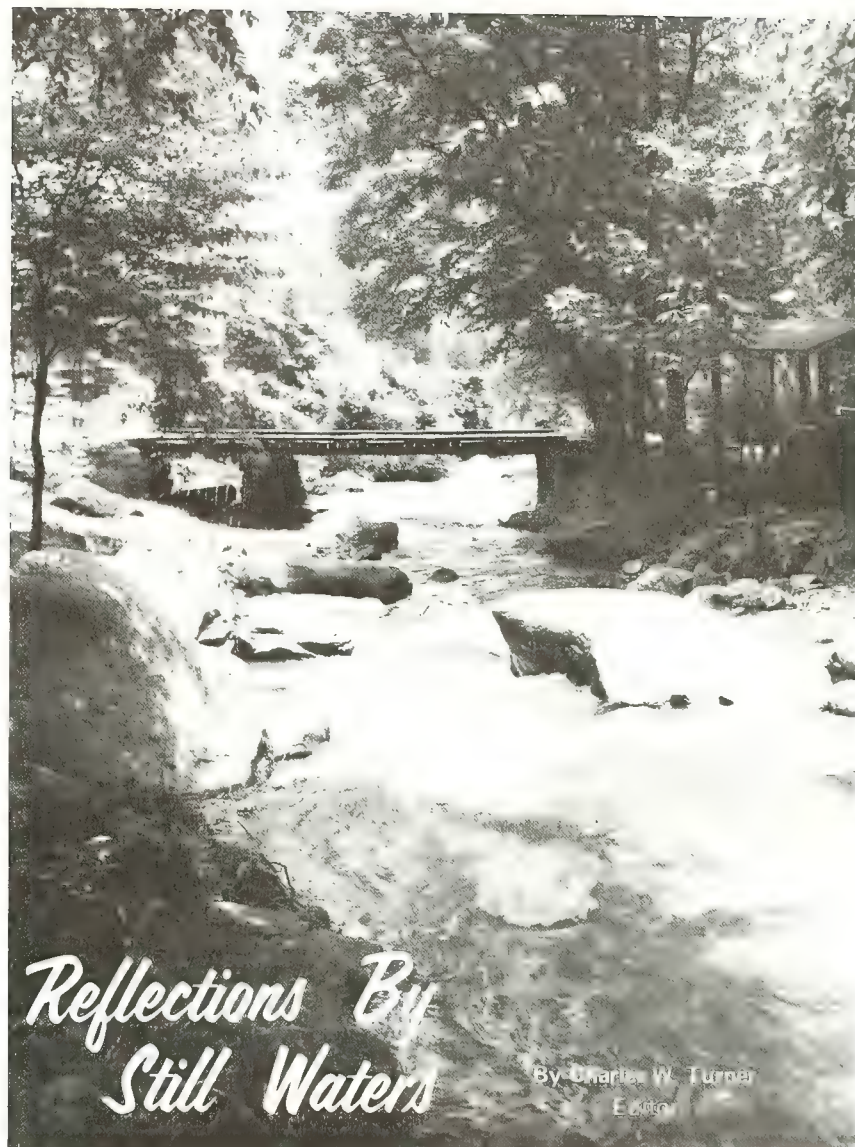
Thoughts on Criticism

One of the problems of the Christian life on the practical level is how to graciously receive and profitably use *criticism*. As any pastor will testify, one of the constant difficulties in the local church is the presence and effect of criticism. Trying to patch up the misunderstandings that have arisen from the statement of one member against another is an ever-present problem. Sunday-school teachers resign, the trustees fret, members are miffed, and the pastor draws upon the divine resources available to solve what are often very petty, but very real, circumstances in the church. Criticism is best defined, in the popular sense, as *review* or *judgment*, generally in an unfavorable way.

We are all very sensitive in this area because we are aware of our own personal failures but do not like to have others probe our weaknesses. When criticized, we react to defend ourselves. Though we know our points of failure, we don't like to admit them to ourselves, let alone to the person we feel is being hostile to us with unkind words. Criticism is very difficult to take, but let me suggest that there can be much that will be gained if we weigh the words of our critics.

First of all, remember that you are not perfect. That may be difficult for some people to really accept, but try anyway. You have the Bible to make this point clear, if you will read it, and you have the Spirit of God to prick your conscience about your sins. Remember, if you are criticized there may be some basis for it.

Second, be thankful for critics. This is so hard to do! Mark Twain was not exactly a theologian, nevertheless, he pointed out an interesting observation



when he said that a dog has fleas to remind it that it is . . . a dog. Maybe your worst critic reminds you that you are still *just human*. Please don't carry that dog illustration too far. Your critic may be your best friend, really. If nothing else, he keeps you alert. There could be the temptation to do something sometime, but with the knowledge that your critic and the Lord are looking over your shoulder—it just might be the extra incentive to keep you in line—that is good.

Third, be honest. The person who has called something to your attention, just might be right. Take a long hard look at the area to which attention of weakness has been called. You could be very wrong and he could be very right. Remember, all wisdom

and truth do not reside in one single person—except God. A critic might just point out the thing that could *make* your life—not destroy it.

Just a word of caution lest I be misunderstood. This word is to the self-appointed critics, and their number is legion and their territory is universal. It is well to keep in mind that the sin of loose talk often is found with the person who delights in not doing what he sees others doing. He can be the separated, dedicated, spiritual pinnacle of virtue in his own mind, but in the sight of God he is a carnal source of destruction and division. The “whited wall” of Pharisaism cannot cover the tongue “set on fire of hell” (Read James 3:6).

Critics, beware! Criticized, take heart and profit.

Members of Brethren Home Mission Churches have found the "answer" according to the following testimonies—

—these answers were submitted by our home-mission pastors and lay members. Read carefully and thank God for the church-extension program of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A TELEPHONE CALL DID IT!

Most Christians will agree that the Lord works His miracles in strange and unusual ways. In my case, the miracle started with a telephone call from a Christian lady responding to a two-line advertisement I had placed in a local newspaper. The caller and her husband, a minister, needed the business service I offered. Little did I know at the time that they also could provide a service, a spiritual service. Our meeting was successful. I had a new client, but more important, the minister's testimony influenced me to attend church services with my family.

My wife, children and I attended services for about one year before we made our public decision for Jesus Christ. As a result of our attending church, the Holy Spirit has worked upon my mother, both my brothers and their families to attend church and hear the Word. As a family, we now number fifteen church-going Christians, growing in the Christian way of life.

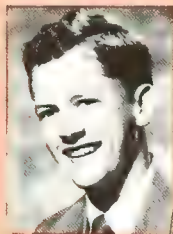
I often marvel at the events that have occurred from that one call. One thing I am certain about is that the call was prearranged by the Lord, which demonstrates to me that many are called to Christ by various means which are best in divine providence. If more people would allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives, they would grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and have everlasting life.



Joel K. Williams
Garden Grove, Calif.
Grace Brethren Church
of Orange Calif.
Pastor L. L. Grubb

Ron Mason
Sophomore, USC

Hillside Brethren Church
Rowland Heights, California
Pastor Harold D. Painter



"A HOME MISSION CHURCH PROVIDED ME WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!"

For as long as I can remember I have been going to church. As I got older, there were better things to do than worry about the church. It got to be like a habit. Put on my shoes, brush my teeth, go to church. In large churches, I found it was easy to walk around with my hands in my pockets and "let somebody else do it." In a home-mission church, I reasoned, there wouldn't be anything to do. Fortunately, I was wrong. In a small church, every person is needed because they are the lifeblood of the church. This service, as a Sunday-school teacher and usher, brought me to a closer relationship with God. Church became more than a building. The message of the Bible became so real that I began to participate in our outreach program, because I had to tell people. In this way, a home-mission church provided me with an opportunity to serve which I otherwise might not have had.



"MY LIFE HAS BEEN CHANGED!"

Salvation, to me, means a very personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Since I believed on Christ as my personal Saviour, my life has been changed as mentioned in II Corinthians 5:17.

I am really thankful that I am saved from the eternal torments in hell, but that isn't all one should be thankful for. He should be thankful for the ability to witness to the unsaved people. This is really serving Christ a lot!

As for me, I plan to lead a dedicated life for Christ as best as I am able. And before I go to heaven, or die, whichever comes first, I also plan to try to tell others about Jesus Christ and how He died for our sins.

—John W. George

NOTE: Johnny comes from a Roman Catholic background, is very intellectual, believed in evolution, was witnessed to by several of our young people at school until he finally started attending our services.

He is now a baptized church member, active in young people's meetings, and a real live-wire witness for our Lord.

Pastor Donald M. Marken
Grace Brethren Church
Coolville, Ohio



David and Linda Langness
Grace Brethren Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Pastor Tom Inman

HIPPY TO HAPPY!

Dave and I both knew what the general opinion was of teenage marriages but Dave at nineteen and I at sixteen were headstrong and went ahead with our wedding on December 20, 1969. We soon discovered that "you can't live on love alone" but need a "faith" of some kind, for we are all weak and bending. Our "faith" dwindled quickly! Our hippie life and experimenting with drugs gave no answer.

Then came Mother's Day '71, and a visit to my parents-in-law's church—a small, just-getting-started Grace Brethren church. Pastor Inman's message caught our attention and we really listened. God was dealing with us and we knew it! The wee hours of the night found us discussing Him and His offer of salvation. Finally, at 3 a.m. in the privacy of our bedroom, we asked Jesus Christ to come into our lives. Now we feel He *is* our Life!

"MY WIFE AND I WERE SPIRITUAL DRIFTERS"



For many years in the past, my wife, Tillie, and I were "spiritual drifters"; drifting in and out of several Protestant denominations. Nominally, we were members of the Christian denomination of churches, in Columbus, Ohio.

Last summer, our younger daughter, Judith, attended Vacation Bible School at the Brethren Church of Huber Heights, and during this time, she accepted Jesus as her Saviour. Following her decision, we received contacts from members of the congregation, including a visit from the pastor. Finally, last October, we accepted the gracious invitations to attend services, and have attended regularly since then.

"THERE IN OUR LIVING ROOM WE ASKED THE LORD JESUS INTO OUR HEARTS"

In our nine years of marriage, God and church were things we talked about occasionally and always decided to do something about "one of these days." Oh, we always saw to it that our son, Greg, went to Sunday school each week and Bible School in the summer, but for ourselves it was always something to take care of at some future date.

We had met Pastor Farner once or twice but he had never mentioned God or his church. Then, one Sunday afternoon last January, he stopped by and asked us if we had ever been saved. We hadn't. But after a few minutes talking we both decided it was something we wanted to do. There in our living room we asked the Lord Jesus into our hearts that we might be saved.

When Pastor asked if we would come to the evening service and publicly announce our decision, we agreed. When the time came for us to step forward we did so—and it was a little scary. But only for a minute, because when Pastor Farner began to pray for us, the fear was replaced by such a feeling of happiness it brought tears to both our eyes. It is so great to know that we have Jesus and can count on Him.



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McMann
Opportunity Grace Brethren Church
Opportunity, Washington

Pastor Donald G. Farner

Charles Roush

District Superintendent, Ohio Bell Telephone Company

Brethren Church of Huber Heights, Dayton, Ohio

Pastor James Poyner

One Sunday, in December 1970, Pastor Poyner announced a Bible-reading program that provides completion in a year. The Lord moved me to sign my name to the list to start the program. This has been a real blessing to me as I study and meditate on God's Word. The pastor encouraged me even more, by allowing me to present the weekly Bible quiz during Sunday evening services.

On a Saturday, late in February, Tillie and I discussed our spiritual lives, and seeing our need, we made our decision for Christ. The next day, we stood and professed our acceptance of Jesus as our personal Saviour, that we may have eternal life as He promised.

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MEMBERS OF BRETHREN HOME MISSION CHURCHES HAVE FOUND THE "ANSWER."

A VISIT IN THE HOME . . .

For fifteen years I had no interest in church, or even attending the services. Then, a few years ago, we were invited to the First Brethren Church in Grandview, Washington, where we lived at that time. A fifteen-year habit is hard to break, especially when Satan enters into the picture, but we did attend a few times.

Since my work was in the Hanford area near Richland, Washington, we decided to move to Richland. It was very easy to stay home on Sunday and not attend church once again, especially since we were in a new community. But the Lord entered into the picture again when Pastor Hall and his wife of the Grace Brethren Church of Richland learned of us, and made a call in our home. After several visits from the pastor I felt under conviction for not attending church, and with my family, decided to attend some of the services. God's salvation message came through loud and clear for the first time in my life. Therefore, when Pastor Hall called in our home my wife and I received Christ as our Saviour, and soon after made our decision public in a church service. My family have all come to know the Lord, except my three-year-old son.

My two oldest sons are involved in the church activities, and enjoying many blessings from the Lord.

Franklin Shaffer
Grace Brethren Church
Richland, Washington
Pastor Nelson Hall



Soon after I was saved the Lord spoke to me about the need for transportation in the church and Sunday-school work as well as the need of a way to take young people to district activities. Therefore, I traded my sports car for an eleven passenger mini-bus to help in the Lord's work in these areas. We have recently accepted teaching and officer duties to further serve the Lord in bringing souls to Christ.

Truly our cup runneth over with the joy of serving our Lord.

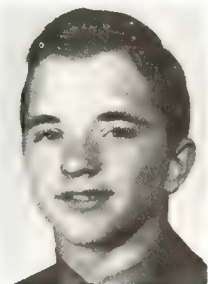
My faith is presently receiving its first real test because of unemployment, due to the government cutback here in Hanford. But I do not worry for I am reminded of what the Lord says in Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself . . ."

Pray with us that He will provide employment in a community where there is a Brethren church.

"INTERESTED AND DEDICATED YOUNG PEOPLE . . ."



Marcia Johnson



Jerry Johnson



Darlene Keefer

Marcia Johnson and Darlene Keefer, high school freshmen, and Jerry Johnson, a junior, desire to see our church grow and people come to know Christ. They volunteer to do visitation, and it isn't the burden for them that it is for some adults. During VBS they each taught or helped with a class, and before a week had passed had visited in most of the pupils' homes. Marcia Johnson teaches the smaller children during the weekly prayer time for adults.

Many times these youth ask the pastor when they can go calling during the week, in addition to the planned visitation program. These are three willing youth who take a great interest in serving our Lord in any way possible at Greensburg. In a day when it is hard to find interested and dedicated young people, I praise the Lord for them. They have really been an encouragement to my wife and me.

—Pastor Richard Smith
Grace Brethren Church
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

"ANXIETY AND FRUSTRATION HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH PEACE . . ."

Jesus brought me peace. When I trusted Christ with my life five months ago, I left behind a restless, materialistic life. Anxiety and frustration have been replaced with peace and joy.

Seven months ago, I went to Sunday school to help a girl earn points in a Sunday-school contest. I agreed to go only because I had observed the girl's family for about a year, and they had impressed me with their Christian actions at all times.

Once I started going, I couldn't stop. I heard the Gospel, loud and clear, straight from the Bible. Things were explained that I had never heard or thought about. Things like: The Bible is the Word of God; grace is God's unmerited favor; men are natural sinners; you can't work your way to heaven; there *is* eternity.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Saviour in January.

I have written this testimony to alert all believers in Christ that somewhere an unsaved person is watching your daily actions to see if Jesus Christ is for real, and somewhere an unsaved person needs to have the Gospel explained to him.

—Lybrand "Lyle" Seymour
Simi Community Brethren Church
Simi, California
Pastor John Gillis



*Former Home
Mission Church at
Columbus, Ohio,
"Answers" with
Workers!*

**By Jim Custer, pastor
Grace Brethren Church
Columbus, Ohio**

In October 1964, Pastor David Hocking led seventy-two people in the first Sunday service of the Grace Brethren Church of Worthington, Ohio. Two years later, 204 rejoicing believers assembled for the first service in their newly constructed church building. Easter, 1971, 1,065 gathered to worship in our recently completed sanctuary. We thank God whose grace and love has thus rested upon His people here.

But soaring attendances and new buildings are the lesser theme of God's grace in our congregation. From its earliest days, God has uniquely called forth laborers from among this people to serve Him. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hinks broke the trail to Grace Seminary.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scofield and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodruff followed. Seminary studies completed, Pastor Hinks now leads the congregation in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Pastor Scofield began his ministry in Bowling Green, Ohio. Pastor Woodruff heads the congregation in Clayton, Ohio.

Meanwhile, God gave us the fruitful two-year ministry of Mr. David Seifert then sent him on to his present work. Mr. Lou Koloze, then principal of Worthington High School, obeyed the call of God to become the superintendent of the Brethren Church Schools in California. His training as an attorney completed, Mr. Richard Sears took employment in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area to answer
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A large group of people from the Columbus church have dedicated their lives to full-time service for God.





Our Great God in "The Great Land"

The Grace Brethren Church on dedication day. Pastor Hein's mobile home is next to the church.

*Brethren Home
Missions has the
"Answers"
for Alaska!*

Pastor and Mrs. Herman
H. Hein, Jr., and Raymond



By Herman H. Hein, pastor
*Grace Brethren Church
Kenai, Alaska*

Alaska is called "The Great Land." Having lived here for two years has only verified this statement for us. However, as we look back over these two years, we see far greater things than Alaska. We see "Our Great God" working on the behalf of His greatest creation—MAN. Putting "Our Great God" and "The Great Land" together has been our calling here in Alaska. The task has not been an easy one. It seems that the people of "The Great Land," or many of them, are not interested in "Our Great God."

What hath God wrought? Sunday, June 20, 1971, was the day of dedication for the first Brethren Church in Alaska. For weeks preparations had been in the making for this great day. The property was cleared of brush, some dead trees removed, and a swampy area filled. Painting, repairing and preparations of the landscape were

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Three special guests took part in the dedication service. (l to r) Rev. Malcolm Burgess, pastor of the North Kenai Bible Chapel; Evangelist Allen Herr brought the message; Pastor Herman H. Hein; Rev. Joseph Lathrop, pastor of the Kenai Bible Church.

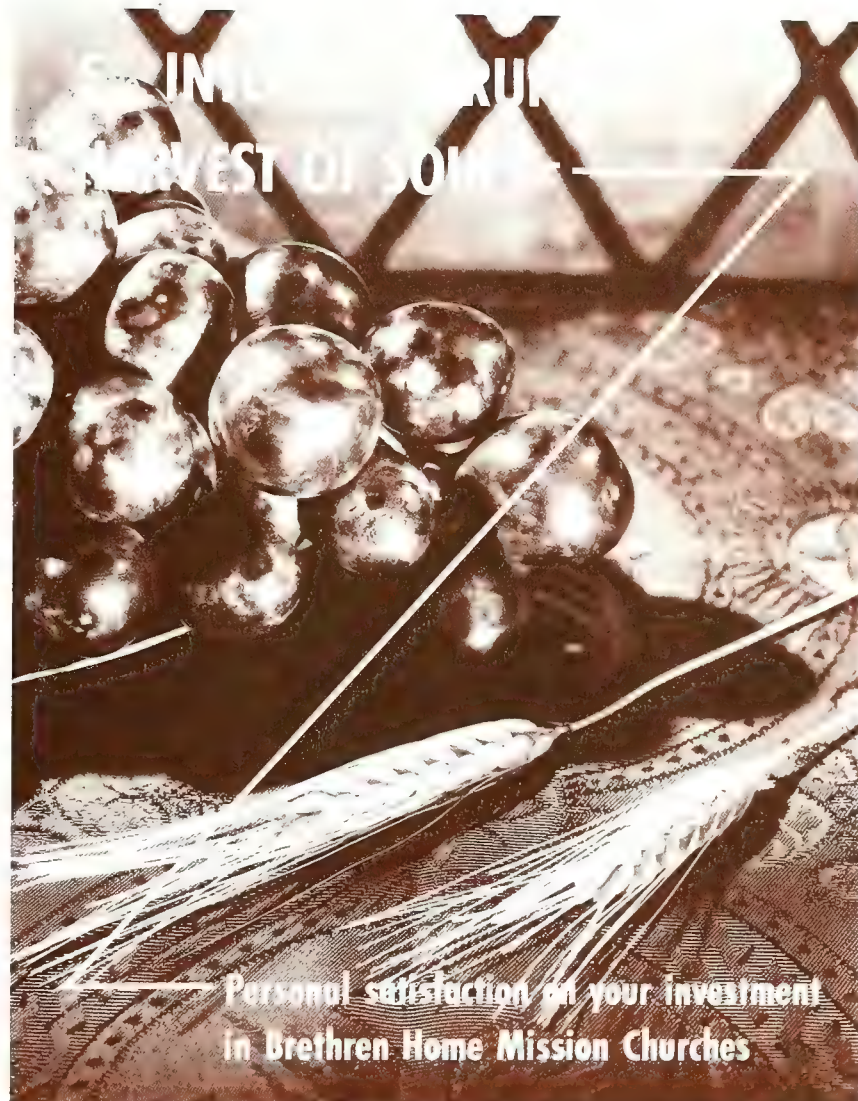


Mrs. James Welborn was at the piano leading the congregation in singing.

back-breaking—but the work was completed. Dedication day dawned (sunrise at 3:10 a.m.) and it was a beautiful sunny day. The first we had enjoyed in over ten days because of rain. Everything was in spotless order in and out of the church. Sunday school was the usual group of 27. No new faces. Morning worship began with Evangelist Allen Herr as the speaker. Immediately we felt the Spirit of God stirring in our midst. After a challenging message, every member of the church rededicated his life to the Lord, and determined to be more dedicated to soul winning. Not only that, but eight precious souls made first-time public decisions of Christ as Saviour. Every person old enough to understand had either made a rededication of life, or a first-time decision publicly. No service could possibly have been greater, with 100 percent making decisions. That is how our dedication day started. Praise the Lord for His matchless grace!

At three o'clock that same afternoon, after a very enjoyable carry-in dinner at old Fort Kenay, the dedication service began. We didn't have a large crowd, but around forty-five gathered to dedicate this building to the Lord. Five other churches of the area had representatives present. Evangelist Allen Herr was the guest speaker. His challenging message on the Temple of our God was more than appropriate for the occasion. All were blessed by the message. An open house followed the dedication service. The evening service was equally as challenging. And so ended a very exciting, challenging, and perfect day (sunset at 10:30 p.m.). Again we say, "Praise the Lord for His matchless grace."

Looking through this building that had just been dedicated, we saw new, serviceable equipment, all of it donated as project gifts by interested organizations and churches over our land. There is over two thousand dol-



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lars worth of equipment and development projects—every piece needed and in its proper place. We know we serve a wonderful Lord who is able to guide His people in sending aid where it is needed at the proper time. Much of the equipment was already ordered and on the way, when some group or church would write and inform us that they had taken this item as a project. Only God could work like that. How we have come to trust in His perfect guidance.

The Brethren Investment Foundation has loaned us the funds for our lot and building. The Brethren Home Missions Council is paying a large portion of the pastor's salary. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company gave us a running start with free litera-

ture and visitation materials. The WMCs, men's organizations, Sunday schools, churches, and individuals all over the land, from Florida to Washington State, have pitched in and helped us. For all this we praise the Lord and His wonderful people. We have many needs yet around our church, and we don't intend to leave the impression that all is provided for and finished, but as the Lord has provided in the past, we know He will continue to provide in the future. With the hardest part of the physical work completed, now we will concentrate on filling the house for the glory of the Lord. Continue to pray for us as we progress, and may we be dedicating a permanent, larger place of worship in a very few years to come.

CURRENT POPULATION
of the UNITED STATES

206 543 163

AN ADDITIONAL AMERICAN EVERY $14\frac{1}{2}$ SECONDS

The U.S. Department of Commerce census clock in Washington, D.C., gives current population statistics.

Urban America, a Test of Our Missionary Faith

By Lester E. Pifer

The population in the United States has now soared to 206 million, almost twice as many as there were in 1920, only 50 years ago. We added about 25 million of that total in the last 10 years.

The huge graph in the U.S. Census Bureau in mid-July indicated a figure of 206,543,163 population. An additional American is added every $14\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, a death every $16\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, a birth every $8\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, and a new immigrant every 71 seconds.

The growth of a little more than two million in the total national population last year is the result of 3.7 million babies born, 1.9 million persons dying, and a net immigration of approximately 400,000 or $1/5$ of the year's increase. Having passed the 206 million mark in 1971, there is a real possibility of a population of 300 million by the year 2000. Think of it—a new figure of 94 million souls to be reached in the next 28 years, plus that great number who are already on the scene who do not have an intimate relationship with our Saviour!

The figures break down into a real challenge for the Gospel. New Americans, permitted by liberalization of immigration laws, accounted for 17 percent of our annual growth in 1970. This figure continues to rise. In the 1950s immigrants accounted for 1 in every 11 additional American, in the 60s it was 1 in every 7, and now 1 in every 6. Mexico heads the list, contributing 44,469 in 1970; the Philippines were second with 31,203; Italy third; Greece fourth and Cuba fifth. The U.S.A. still appeals to that vast multitude who want to come to a land

of plenty.

The birth rate is rapidly picking up speed again in the 70s. Marriages have almost doubled in 1970 that number which was recorded in 1960, by 1975 the figure will reach 2,440,000. It is estimated that 2,235,000 weddings will take place in 1971. What a growing mission field when we realize that a greater portion of our home-mission church growth comes from young couples. It certainly points to the fact that the local church and pastor must gear the outreach program to attract the growing segment of our population.

The wave of human migration that swept California to number one position among the states in population now is ebbing. Official figures show that net civilian migration into California this year will be only 25,000 persons, and some economists feel that it may slow to even a much lower

figure. This could precipitate "the most severe readjustment period in California history."

Meanwhile, Florida's net immigration of 1.3 million in the 1960s was second only to California's 2.1 million. The Florida growth rate continues to climb in the 70s. Its population in 1970 was 6.8 million. It is projected to rise to 7.7 million by 1975 and surge to 9 million in 1980.

Many of the large cities are seeing less and less growth. People are fed up with pollution, severe traffic problems, crime and sticky domestic situations found in the major metropolitan centers. Industry is moving. Interstate highways and freeways are taking people to the wide-open country. California's population is shifting across the mountains to the western states. The popularity of western country living is attractive to the new home builder. Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado will see amazing growth in the next ten years.

The directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council must closely scrutinize these population shifts,

A \$500,000 budget to build strategically located churches!

these trends that spell souls for Christ, families for our Lord, and churches for the glory of God. The United States and our next door neighbor, Canada, present a thrilling challenge as major missionary fields in this decade. A master plan for strategically locating churches is much more necessary today than twenty years ago.

The cost of land, skyrocketing in metropolitan centers, the amazing rise in labor costs in densely populated areas will force us to locate churches in new urban communities to reach this growing potential. Cost of living, transportation and housing are other major considerations in our limited resources for salaries of mission personnel.

In the last two years we have entered two new states, Alaska and Georgia. In the next year we hope to enter two more. Our aim in this decade, the Lord willing, is to plant as many new churches as possible in strategic areas that will become mis-

sionary centers. If God tarries, we trust that we can see at least one missionary-minded church in every state in this nation. Pray that it may become a reality for the glory of God, in the salvation of souls.

Our budget this year is being set by faith at \$500,000. Never before have we claimed this number of missionary dollars for Christ in Brethren Home Missions. Using every effort to offset inflationary costs, utilizing every method and procedure to efficiently reach our communities for Christ, we are trusting God to "send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38). Brethren people everywhere can share in this wonderful ministry, reaching this rapidly growing and changing mission field. There is no greater thrill, no greater challenge, than to see a Bible-teaching church in a new urban area vigorously reaching souls in its community for Christ, and sending forth the Gospel to other unreached areas.

GOD SENT SOME . . .

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the call of God to assist in the home-mission ministry of Pastor Dean Risser. This July, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver (Jerry) Varner, beloved "grandparents" to our people, moved to Tuscon, Arizona, burdened to assist in every possible way they can in the home-mission church there.

God called Mr. Ed Jackson into a fuller ministry among our churches, and we are pleased to have Rev. Nathan Meyer "home" those few times his schedule will allow him to visit us. Although not members, we were so privileged to enjoy the fellowship of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler, medical missionaries appointed to the Central African Republic; Mr. and Mrs. Vance Yoder, teachers at Grace College; and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Burkholder, teaching at Taylor University. One of our missionary families, Rev. and Mrs. Tim Farner carved such precious memories in our midst during their year-long ministry before going to Brazil.

This fall, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McCollum will leave to begin studies at Grace Theological Seminary. They will find a warm greeting there by our

other couples who are preparing for future ministries: Mr. and Mrs. James Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Cripe, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crabbe. Paul Mutchler, who has publicly presented himself to obey God's call into the ministry, will interrupt his plans to study at Grace to give a year of ministry among the teens of our congregation.

These are some of those leaving to prepare for fuller ministries. But these visible blessings are the fruit, not the root. They grow out of an atmosphere in the local assembly. They spring out of someone's loving concern for another, out of burdened prayer, out of a demonstration of proper values by so very many of those "who stay behind," but know that their "labor of love" is just as vital as if they were in "full-time service."

Men like Marion Forrest, who housed the group in his home and tenderly carried tremendous responsibilities to make the young church grow. Dr. Peter Peponis, a dentist who prayerfully supports the work of the Lord and untiringly ministers to the needs of our people. John Embaugh, who built his new home large enough

to house the initial activities of a future church in eastern Columbus. Bill Hart, who resigned the benefits of a quarter century's employment as project engineer in an aircraft company to administer the business interests of our congregation. Bob Malone, elementary school teacher, serving as Sunday-school superintendent and seeking God's leading to fuller ministry. Albert Muncie, retired mechanic, who keeps the facilities sparkling and tends the lawns. Don Yoder, a machinist, who records all the services and produces cassettes for requested copies. Bud Pfefferle, carpenter, whose talents have expanded the usefulness of the church properties. Amos Askins, barber and retired plumber, always on call for whatever task he might work with his hands for our Lord's glory.

These, and dozens like these, labor daily to ease the pastors' load of duties that they might give themselves to the work God has appointed for them. Loving their pastors and encouraging them is their ministry. These faithful men show that pattern which encourages other men to enthusiastically respond as God calls them to the ministry of the Gospel. May God give us many such men!

Questions! Questions!

By Isobel Fraser

"Could the rabbi be accepted in the kingdom of heaven? Is heaven only for Christians?"

Questions! Questions! Do we discourage them? NO!

It is surprising how much we learn from them. The point that we thought we had made so clear is still unanswered in their minds. Then there are those concepts that are misunderstood. But what a joy when the questions show growth in understanding and acceptance of truth.

The above questions were voiced by Mr. S— who attends our meetings for the blind. Luncheon meetings are held for them the first and third Mondays of each month. Mr. Phil Cariaga comes to teach the Bible lesson following lunch. (Praise the Lord for bankers' hours!) There is always opportunity to ask questions or make comments as he conducts a verse-by-verse presentation of a portion of the Word. The other meeting is more informal with a touch of Jewish "flavor" in song and wit and story. I conduct this meeting and am glad when they have presented questions that we can discuss from the Scriptures.

The answer to both of Mr. S—'s questions is yes. (By the way, these and other questions come from discussions they hear on a radio program called "Religion on the Line." Sometimes they are not satisfied with the answer given, or they just want to know my answer.) But it wasn't as simple as that. Again it was necessary that they understand who is a Christian. Most Jewish people still use Gentile and Christian interchangeably. Gentile and Jew are accepted into the kingdom of heaven if their sins are atoned for through the Lord Jesus. Several of the Scriptures used to prove the sin problem were Ezekiel 18 and Isaiah 59:1-2. Isaiah 53 foretold this atonement.

"I guess you are right, the Bible does teach it," remarked Mr. P—. This remark thrilled me as it followed a discussion of Job 19:25-27, Daniel 12:2-3 and Psalm 23:1, 6. The question was, "Do Jews believe in life after death?"

"Is Christ mentioned in the Old Testament?" E— queried. "Messiah is the anointed king, but just a king. That's what the rabbi said." I used this question to again make clear that the names Christ and Messiah mean the same, the anointed, and pointed out how it was used in Psalm 2 and Daniel 9:24-26. I also wanted them to understand that Jesus, or Yeshua in the Hebrew, means salvation

and that because He is our salvation the Messiah must be more than a man. To show that the Old Testament teaches that Messiah as King is also God, we discussed Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Micah 5:2 and Zechariah 12:1, 9-10 and 14:1-5. The portions in Zechariah were compared with Acts 1:9-12 which records Christ's ascension and the angels' promise of His return. Messiah Jesus came once to be wounded for us and when He returns as King Messiah He will still bear the proof of His first advent.

"Weep for yourselves, and for your children." "What did Christ mean by that?" After reading the Biblical account when this statement was made in Luke 23:27-30, we compared it with the prophecy Christ had made earlier as found in Luke 21:20-24 regarding the destruction of Jerusalem and accompanying events. We also referred to Daniel's prophecy in chapter 9, verses 24-26. This destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 is well known by the Jewish people. There is an annual day of mourning because of it, which is called Tisha B'Ab (August 1 this year). It also commemorates the destruction of the Temple of Solomon. As the Jewish people believe there is a ray of hope in darkness, present-day events in Israel are a token of fulfilled prophecy and of that hope.

In the near future these questions and subjects are to be discussed: Why was Jesus called to lead the people instead of a king? Why are Gentiles the majority and Jewish people the minority? The Trinity. The activities that accompanied the cleansing of the Temple by Jesus.

What a joy it is to be able to use these questions as a springboard into scriptural truths. I pray that in each of these Jewish hearts faith in Christ will be born, claiming His promise, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

Church News

PORTLAND, OREG. An opportunity that was given to the church here, to the Beaverton Brethren Church, and to many other friends will not be forgotten very soon. Prof. William Schaffer, son of Pastor and Mrs. Schaffer, presented a concert of organ and piano music to a most appreciative audience. The new Rodgers Organ used for the occasion was loaned by the courtesy of the Collins and Erwin Music Company of Portland. Prof. Schaffer is the chairman of the music department at Miami Christian University, Miami, Fla.

CHANGES. Rev. Earle E. Peer, 417 W. Water St., Berne, Ind. 46711. Chaplain (Major) John W. Schumacher, 24 Hemphill Rd., Eatontown, N.J. 07724. Rev. William Tweeddale, 6556 21st St., North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33702. Please change *Annual*.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hays

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hays celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in a most delightful way as the Cherry Valley Brethren Church honored them with a surprise reception after the evening service on Sunday, July 4. Dale Brock, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Prayer is requested for Pastor John Aeby who, because of illness, is not able to occupy his pulpit for the present. Remember also the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo at this time.

EATONTOWN, N.J. Sang Ryul Park, a nine-month-old Korean baby boy arrived at Kennedy International Airport in New York on June 17 to meet his new parents, Chaplain and Mrs. John W. Schumacher. The baby had just completed a 27-hour flight all the way from Seoul, Korea. Little John Christian (his new American name) was obtained through the Holt Adoption Agency, a Christian organization with headquarters in Oregon that has placed some 6,000 children in homes since the close of the Korean Conflict.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BENTON, William Ross, 87, passed away on June 1. Mr. Benton was a charter member and also the oldest member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa. John Gregory, pastor.

BRIDENBAUGH, Catherine E., 61, better known by her many friends as "Kay," was taken home to be with the Lord on June 29. She was a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Union, Ohio. Irvin B. Miller, pastor.

GIST, Zula, 73, went home to be with her Lord. She was always present when the church doors were open and will be missed greatly at the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind. Richard Sellers, pastor.

RAGER, Mrs. Sarah Ellen, 76, died June 7. Mrs. Rager was a faithful, long-time member of the Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa. She was the mother of Rev. Adam Rager, pastor of the Brethren Church in Sanford, N.C., and of Mrs. Della Nagel, an employee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.



Rev. Howard Mayes

The Board of Christian Education of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches announces the appointment of Rev. Howard Mayes as Executive Director of the Christian Education Department, effective Sept. 1, 1971.

Dr. Harold Etling will retire from the above position at that time, after 18 years of faithful service as Director of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Etling became the first full-time Sunday-school Director of the Brethren Church in 1954.

The educational background for Mr. Mayes included: Brethren High School, Bob Jones University, Pasadena College, Long Beach State College, Grace College, B. A., Grace Theological Seminary, B.D.

Mr. Mayes has served the Lord in the following pastorates: Yakima, Wash., Norwalk, Calif., and Ripon, Calif.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Dr. and Mrs. Harold Etling conducted a Sunday-school workshop recently with most profitable results. The workshop began on Saturday evening with a fellowship meal followed by sessions of instruction. On Sunday between 2 and 4 in the afternoon there were more workshops. Special music which was enjoyed by all was provided by "The Joyful Sounds." Robert Burns, pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. Competing against an average attendance for the year of 1970 of 57 for the Sunday school, there was real enthusiasm as the results posted for this year so far register 102. Pastor Lynn Schrock says, "Let's think, work and pray BIG for our God and for our Sunday school."

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The Battle for

Educators remember the days following World War II, when in the march of progress it appeared that higher education had been forgotten. There was then pressed into the consciousness of thinking men the realization that no substantial progress could be made without giving education its rightful place in the modern world. At this point, a program of promotion began that has swept across the world. The fortunes of higher education began to improve. Millions of young people were persuaded that their destiny was vitally connected with education. The educational population has nearly tripled in number since World War II, and buildings and facilities have multiplied beyond the fondest dreams of educators.

But progress has also moved into the area of struggle for existence on the part of a vast number of private institutions, and even the public institutions are feeling the pinch of financial circumstances. The financial extremity of some institutions is so severe that many are closing their doors; others are seeking relief by combining with other institutions, and all are putting on the greatest search ever mounted, to discover sources of income with which to preserve their educational program. The education prophets are predicting that 50 percent of the private schools will close their doors during the seventies. It remains to be seen whether this prediction will be fulfilled, but the number that are now suffering demise bids fair to increase.

Schools, the same as other institutions, must live within the financial context of society. The cost of living increased for faculty, staff, and students. The price spirals upward for

buildings, maintenance, and utilities as well.

Even though wages advance, with the increase in prices there seems to be less increase in giving for the needs of the school. So tuition must rise, and it has been rising in private schools at an astronomical rate. This means that there is a squeeze at both ends. High tuition can very easily price the students out of the market. So, to meet the needs of students, the most stupendous program ever known has been developed within the past several decades for the purpose of providing financial aid. Some of us who went to school forty years ago never knew a program such as this.

But in spite of all the efforts that have been made—gifts from private sources, financial aid from state tax budgets, and the millions that have been poured into education from the federal government—the financial problem continues to grow more serious and there does not seem to be

any sure solution in sight.

Educational conclaves have been increasing in an effort to meet the needs of higher education by economy. Any number of conferences have been held for the purpose of aiding trustees to become more efficient and fruitful in their stewardship in behalf of their school. At least three conferences have been held within the past twelve months to help schools work out long-range plans, with a view to the accomplishment within the financial ability of each school. Also, such conferences have been planned and executed just for the purpose of making the presiding officer more efficient in the management of his school. Conferences for development officers and business managers have also multiplied.

Within the past two years, educational experts have been warning the administration that it is absolutely necessary for officers to wear more hats, for teachers to carry more hours, and for the staff to serve longer hours.

But with all these efforts now being tried, there is still a mounting financial burden and no real solution is in sight. As long as the financial economy continues to escalate at the present rate (that is, 5 percent to 6 percent each year), the battle for survival must go on.

Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College have much for which to thank God. These schools came into existence to meet a definite need. As long as that distinctive need prevails,

urvival

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

there should be real interest manifested on the part of students, and on the part of constituents as well. That need, to be frank, is the deep spiritual need of the world, and it is mounting at an amazing pace. God's people, therefore, should be interested in the school that is unique in seeking to meet this need.

Grace Schools continue to hold to an inspired and, therefore, an infallible and inerrant record of revelation from God. Apart from this conviction and the translation of this conviction into the educational process, these schools have no right to survive. As long as the constituents believe this, as long as the Board of Trustees believe this, as long as the faculty believe this, as long as the students believe this, then Grace Schools have a right to survive.

But mere belief is not sufficient. There are many schools willing to give lip service to this profession of faith, but there is a diminishing number that are prepared to put this faith into practical operation in the entire conduct of the school. Such schools are very near the point of repudiating even the faith, and ultimately they will do so. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3-4).



How Can Grace Survive?

Grace Schools must continue to be doctrinally and spiritually distinctive. Faculty, students, and alumni must continue to have a consuming passion for the things of God. Even though Grace Schools are working in the sphere of education, they dare not let educational matters take first place as the guiding star of their endeavors. Trusting all those who claim Grace Schools as their own, may there be an outpouring of prayer in behalf of the schools that they may survive, and survive in that pattern of educational ministry which has characterized them to this hour.

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Speech Difficulties Corrected in Seminary Homiletics Lab

By Kevin Huggins
Grace College Junior
Newspaper Journalism Class

The speech and homiletics program of Grace Theological Seminary is undergoing several modifications and additions to provide a department that will increase its effectiveness in remedying each seminary student's speech communication problems.

The newest addition to this department is the multi-camera television studio. The multi-camera system is equipped with one video-tape recorder with video and audio mix capabilities, three television cameras, and three television monitors.

The advantages to this system lie in its ability to film speakers, discussion groups, debates and demonstrations from a variety of angles and views. The cameraman is no longer handicapped in having to film with only one camera from one position at a time. He has three views from which to choose.

The new TV studio not only affords opportunities for assistance to the students with speech and communication problems, but also allows students and churches to become familiar with, and skilled in using TV equipment through first-hand experience.

The existing homiletics laboratory, located on the third floor of McClain Hall, is also being modified. Presently the lab is equipped with video-tape



Dr. Paul R. Fink, associate professor of Homiletics, directs video session for student preachers.

recording facilities and an audio-instructor/prompter.

The VTR equipment provides the student with a video-tape of each of his sermons synchronized with the taped comments of his instructor. Each student can observe immediately his own speech difficulties.

The audio-instructor/prompter is used by the instructor to reassure, instruct, and reward each student as he preaches through direct and immediate communication with the preaching student.

In each of the homiletics labs no more than eight students meet at one
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Lee Kantenwein, instructor in Homiletics, monitors student preachers.



One of the first steps in Estate Planning is to have a properly prepared and executed will. The problem many people have is that they do not know how to proceed in the preparation of that will; consequently, they do nothing. Let me repeat what we stated in a previous issue: "We are not attorneys and we are NOT giving legal advice. Wills and other legal documents should be prepared by an attorney."

If a Christian dies intestate (without a will) the court takes over and distributes the property of the deceased according to the laws of that state. In reality, the state is writing a will that the decedent failed to make. It will be a legal will, BUT, special needs of individual members of the family are not taken into consideration... each heir receives the legal proportion of the estate regardless of his or her age, financial, mental or physical requirements. But the Christian convictions of the deceased are not taken into consideration.

We are now living in an affluent society with a 1971 economy which increasingly demands more of our tax dollars to maintain state and federal governments. Tax payers can acquaint themselves with certain provisions in tax laws which may save many dollars for the Lord's work.

Advantages of a Will

1. Your estate will be distributed according to the instructions contained in your will.
2. You may select your own executor ahead of time to distribute your estate (But, if you die intestate, the court will appoint an administrator who may or may not share your wishes).
3. You have the opportunity to choose a guardian for your minor children.
4. You empower your executor to settle your estate and act in your place, thus reducing certain taxes and costs of court proceedings.
5. You may specify in your will a certain percentage of your estate to go to your local church, The Brethren Home Missions Council, The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, The For-

eign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, or Grace Schools.

Don't Need a Will?

It is very common to hear someone say, "We don't have enough property to bother with a will!" A complete inventory of one's assets (savings, life insurance, liability insurance, real estate, personal property, and so forth) will usually show a much larger estate than one might anticipate.

A sizeable estate could also be created overnight! A true illustration will confirm this statement. Mr. X said

that he didn't need a will for their small estate, as everything will go to his wife upon his death. Through the persistency of his good wife he had an attorney prepare their wills. Less than six months thereafter, Mr. X was driving down the highway and at an intersection, a semi-truck hit his car and killed him instantly. It was apparent who was liable for the accident. The two insurance companies settled the case out of court, giving Mrs. X the sum of \$90,000. Little did Mr. X realize that his small estate would be increased to approximately \$115,000 overnight. Since there was a properly prepared will Mrs. X had NO Federal Estate Tax to pay.

Marital Deduction

In the case of Mrs. X, why was she exempt from paying any Federal Estate Taxes? She could claim "Marital Deduction" because her husband had a properly prepared and executed will. A "Marital Deduction" means that upon the death of the decedent, one-half of the adjusted gross estate goes to the surviving spouse without a Federal Estate Tax.

In order to qualify for the deduction the attorney indicates in your will your desire for your spouse to receive that portion to which he or she is entitled. Marital deductions can be claimed only between husband and wife (the surviving spouse), and not between parents and children.

Therefore, a Marital Deduction is available to those who will take advantage of this privilege.

A free copy of the booklet, "Making a Will... What You Should Know Before You See Your Lawyer," will be mailed upon request.

Write to the following Brethren organizations of your choice as to how you may include them in your will: The Brethren Home Missions Council, Rev. Lester E. Pifer, secretary. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Rev. Charles W. Turner, executive editor. The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Rev. John W. Zielasko, foreign secretary. Grace Schools, Rev. Richard G. Messner, director of development. The address of all organizations listed is Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Your Estate and Deferred Giving

By Albert J. Philippi
Part-time Stewardship Counselor
for Grace Schools

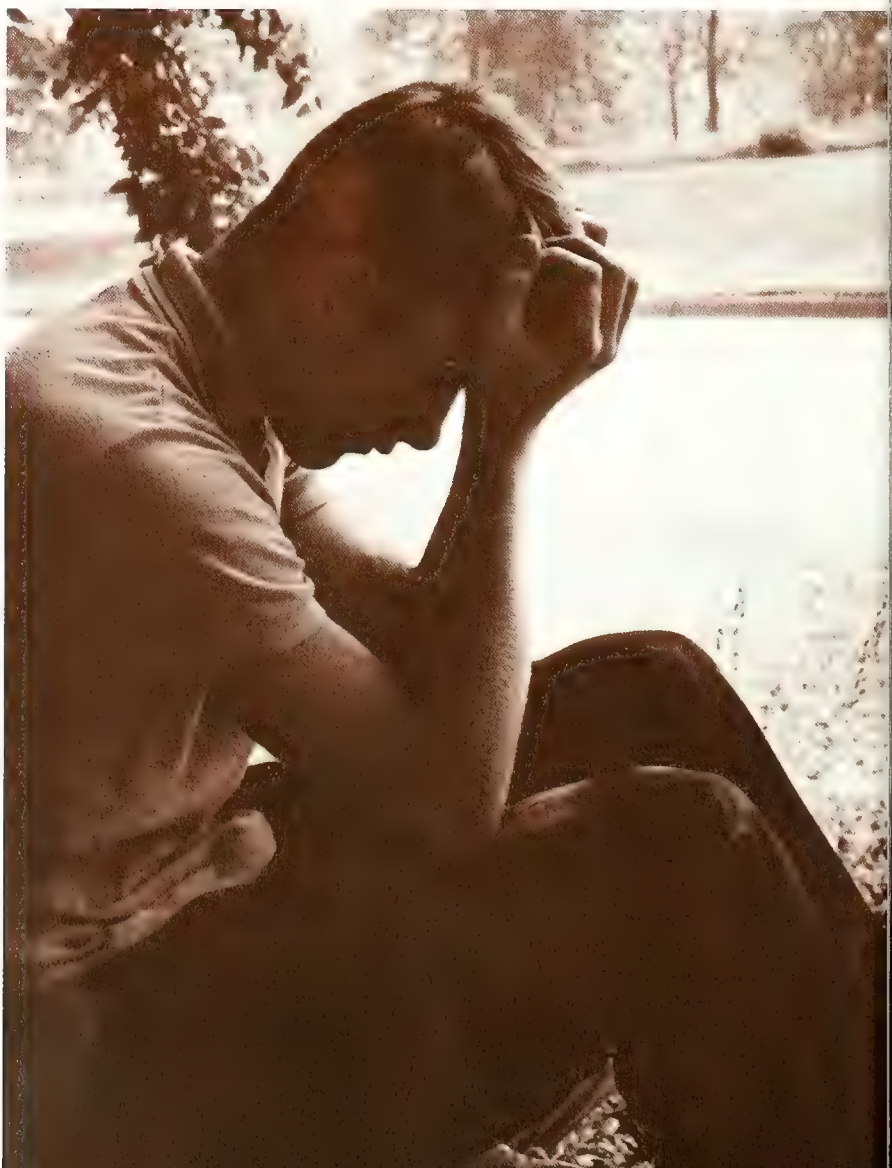
GIVE THYSELF

For the members of the 1971 graduating class this baccalaureate occasion is the culmination of years of decision making, of preparation and of anticipation. It is also the signal for the beginning of new and even more responsible tasks ahead.

To step over the threshold of today's world and meet its challenges, unmatched in both intensity and number by any period of history, reminds one of Charles Dickens' opening statement in his classic novel *The Tale of Two Cities*. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." That statement is more relevant and descriptive of our generation than when written of his generation more than a century ago.

Within the last few years unparalleled advancement in significant areas of man's interest have brought breathtaking accomplishments and problems so devastating and so devious that the world seems to pivot like a basketball player, anxiously

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looking for answers and a way of escape from such a paradox.

Men of my generation, anxious to make the world a better place in which to live, have bequeathed you with a path to the moon, an escape from many destructive diseases, a plan for "The Great Society" through which, it was hoped, poverty would be eliminated and the blueprints for "Utopia" implemented wherein all would be free.

But as the machinery of our minds produced unheard of technological and scientific advances, we also escalated the complexity of our problems of pollution, of poverty and of production. And, strangely enough, in order to escape the affluence and liberation of our own society, increasing numbers are withdrawing into the destructive dreamworld of drugs. Instead of strengthening and supporting the foundation of our building we have undermined the very structure we have endeavored to build.

Morality is a meaningless word to great numbers of people. No sense of shame exists as there is nothing for which they need be ashamed. To do as one desires at the time one desires to do it is no more immoral than taking a drink of water. This so-called pragmatic philosophy, to a large measure, accounts for the open defiance of law and order, and the evident disrespect for authority. Thoughtful people, however, realize that the moral crisis upon us is more serious than any political or economic crisis since morality must undergird all things in an ordered society. Our situation is very much like the little boy who, speaking to his mother, said: "Mother, you know that flower vase you've always said has been in the family for four generations. Well, this generation just broke it."

The magnitude of the political-economic maze, both national and international, staggers the minds and capabilities of those entrusted with leadership and responsibility. The struggle to cope with capitalism and communism, the Arab-Jewish conflict, the Vietnam war, the Paris round table, the racial problem, and others, challenges and breaks the strongest of men.

As you graduates step into such a world you will be either challenged or overwhelmed, depending upon how well you are prepared.

A condensation of the 1971 baccalaureate address for Grace Schools given by Orville A. Lorenz, Chaplain (Col.), U.S. Army, retired.

This is not the first time civilization or even the people of God have been confronted with a crisis. Will you, of this graduating class, simply add to the many problems that now confront us? Or will you put a new vitality, courage, intelligence, Christian acumen, and love into the currents of national life? Sound personal habits, disciplined minds, trained skills and constructive citizenship are all needed. But where does one find the motivation for this?

Let me mention a few illustrations from the Word of God. Herein, I believe, we receive that instruction, that inspiration which can set your course of action most effectively.

Following the Babylonian captivity dispirited Israel was most apprehensive of the future; there was no sense of mission or destiny. Then the prophet entreated Israel to look back at their heritage; from it take heart, overcome their hesitancy and begin the difficult journey and task ahead. Remember, the foundation of future accomplishment lies in the heritage of the past, contrary to the thought that progress lies only in looking forward.

In exhorting the nation, Isaiah said, "Harken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence ye are hewn . . . Look unto Abraham your father." Inspiration, motivation, a willingness to undertake the difficult task did come from remembering Abraham's faith, and God's faithfulness to Abraham's trust.

Never for a moment forget our great national heritage as citizens of the United States, and that you are the beneficiaries of the "blood, sweat, and tears" of many thousands of men and women. I take great pride in my country, its history, its heroes and its flag. Just as I do not hesitate to declare my love for Christ, and proclaim my love for my family, I hesitate not a moment to acknowledge my love for my country. I trust you can and will join me in this apology.

Another historical example reveals the exploits of David, that great and honored king of Israel. Though young in years, David was rich in faith and spiritual wisdom. Because of his willingness to meet the challenge of

Goliath, a national crisis was solved.

A classic event recorded in the sixth chapter of Isaiah tells of a young man's call and his commitment to God's service. The situation in that ancient day is similar to the one in which we find ourselves. Isaiah was young and at the very beginning of his career. The king's death had created an uncertain future, a fearful and apprehensive nation. Under these circumstances Isaiah went to the house of God to pray, and like Jacob before him, saw "El Bethel" that is, "the God of the house of God." Note the significant contrast—the dead king and the living Lord, the empty throne and the occupied throne, the uncertain kingdom and the kingdom which is eternal. At this time of overwhelming loss, Isaiah found the Lord to be the secret of his matchless career.

On this most significant occasion in your life, how wonderful if you could have a like experience. Nothing could be more important than that each of you might have a correct understanding of God's greatness, His goodness, His holiness, His love and His grace along with a right evaluation of yourself and a proper concept of your duty. Then only will you be prepared to do service for the Lord who enables us to meet the basic needs of mankind.

In the center of Bedford, England, is a statue of John Bunyan. On its base are inscribed words taken from *Pilgrim's Progress*, words which are descriptive of Bunyan himself. His

"eyes lifted up to heaven,
the best of books in his hand,
the law of truth was written upon his lips,
the world was behind his back;
he stood as if he pleaded with men,
a crown of gold did hang above his head."

Let no one attempt to tell me that this picture is out of date, a pietistic hangover which is too sanctimonious and impractical; for it is this kind of person that God uses to bring order and blessing into chaotic lives; a man like this gives direction to life. When you see such a man you know who he is, what he's doing, and where he's going.

We must not limit our vision of God. Ours is an age that has largely lost its consciousness of God. Dr. J. B. Phillips, one of our contemporary Christian leaders, has rebuked many in

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his book entitled *Your God Is Too Small*.

Knowing the power of God, the early Christians when called upon to do what many today would say was impossible, did not wring their hands and say, "Look what the world is coming to." Rather they said, "Look Who has come into the world and what He has done for us," . . . a realistic, yet an optimistic appraisal of the situation!

So plan your life that you may develop physically, intellectually and spiritually. Your greatest asset is you, yourself, given in dedication to God. Keep your body strong by proper exercise, make yourself acceptable to all by being well groomed, and present your body as a proper place for the indwelling Holy Spirit. Careless appearance indicates no more a mark of holiness than careless thinking.

Follow the exhortation of the writer to the Hebrews, who states "keep your eyes fixed on Jesus" knowing that God has proved His faithfulness to a multitude of witnesses. Be aware that vision is not the faculty of the physical eye alone; we must also see with the soul! Were we to live only for those things seen by the physical eye we would be poor indeed! Had Moses lived only for what he could see with the physical eye he no doubt would have identified himself with Pharaoh's court, the soft beds of the palace, the dainties of the king's table, the pleasures of the harem, and the flattery of the royal court. But he, like Isaiah and others, saw the King eternal, the everlasting throne, the everlasting kingdom, and he walked out of Pharaoh's palace to kneel at the loftiest throne of all.

The most relevant call the world will ever hear is: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself . . . repent . . . believe, and be reconciled to God." Nothing can outdo Calvary to change a man. When men are changed, reconciled to God, then are they best qualified to tackle the problems of any profession.


Tomorrow you will step into a hostile world where many will care less whether you graduated from this fine

Christian base of higher learning or whether you graduated from the most sophisticated, but godless university of which we have many. You must make them see the difference and make them care. This is reality . . . this is your life. What will you do with it?

As did Jonah, you may run away from God and all responsibility to your fellow men. On the other hand, you may join the crowd, drift with the vast majority who apparently care little about where they are going or the consequences of their journey; and who likewise contribute little or nothing as they "trip" through life. Then again, you may feel so confident with your physical strength, your skills, your intellectual ability, your personality that you will conduct your life by yourself and for yourself . . . entirely humanly motivated. However, these are not the best ways to live your life.

The best way to govern your life is to permit God to control, direct, and inspire it. D. L. Moody said, "Let God have your life, He can do more with it than you can." That sentence influenced thousands of lives . . . let it influence yours.

It is the dedicated, the committed life, controlled by the Holy Spirit that is the productive, useful life, one that will contribute to the well-being of family and society. Men of action and results are, after all, men of conviction. The ancient Greeks said, "Know thyself." That's good advice. The ancient Romans went a little further saying, "Control thyself." That's better advice. The Christian faith says, "Give thyself." That's the best advice.

Before the building of the Hoover Dam, to the despair of many, the Colorado River annually went on a rampage as its banks overflowed by the melting snow of the Rocky Mountains. Now the water is still free to flow toward the sea, but its flow is controlled and beneficial. By that control electrical energy is produced to drive the wheels of industry and bring light to the homes of thousands in the southwest. By irrigation channels, the desert and other vast areas of land have been reclaimed providing both food and drink for millions. Even so the beneficial life is the life dedicated and controlled by God, working together with others, looking, hoping and praying for His soon return. 

SPEECH DIFFICULTIES

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time. Each member of the group, including the one speaking, is equipped with earphones through which the instructor can communicate to the students individually or collectively. This enables the instructor to make comments to the student as he preaches or to anyone of the listening students.

With the instructor/prompter the instructor can create a variety of artificial situations with which the speaking student must cope. Secretly the instructor may ask a listening student to cough, get up and walk out, or challenge the speaker on a certain point. The students are trained to speak under all conditions.

Other present facilities of the homiletics department include an audio-tape listening center and an audio-tape library where students have the opportunity to listen to tapes of the professionals' preaching.


Sound-proofing, ventilation, and additional backup equipment are modifications that the homiletics lab has planned for the near future.

The next addition to Grace's homiletics department is set for September 1971, when both a diversified learning-center and a special effects generator for the TV studio are planned.

The diversified learning-center is presently \$7,000 from reality. It will consist of six audio-tutorial booths and one voice culture studio which will be used in treating remedial speech difficulties such as stuttering, lisps, foreign accents, and vocal pitch.

The special effects generator enables the video-screen to be divided to film two objects simultaneously. Each student will be able to compare his performance to that of another on the same screen.

An individual with a lisp will be able to compare his own mouth to the mouth of an individual with correct pronunciation on the TV screen at the same time. The student can observe where and when to correctly place his tongue for particular words.

Dr. Paul Fink, chairman of the homiletics department, emphasized above all the importance of the individualized homiletics program given birth through real needs observed in actual training situations. 

Chester Woomer, Grace Development representative in the Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, First Brethren Church presents a three-hundred dollar check to an appreciative professor for the purchase of a record-tape player. Pictured in Pastor Snell's study during choir tour are, left to right: Richard Borslough, Sunday-school superintendent, Professor Don Ogden, Chester Woomer and Pastor William Snell.



Brethren Sunday Schools Sponsor Grace Projects

Brethren Sunday schools from all across our nation have been generously responding to an appeal from their local Grace College and Seminary representatives. Reports tell us that young people and adults want to have a part in providing art appreciation slides for the Art Department, stroboscopes for the Science Department, battery chargers for the Maintenance Department and other special needs.

One Sunday school provided the money for a viola for the Music Department and another a file cabinet for Jerry Franks. Another one is buying a portable baseball backstop for the Athletic Department. Others are buying chairs, carousels, tape recorders and an electronic calculator. Currently thirty-four projects are being purchased worth \$4,415. The churches and Sunday schools participating to date are:

Cumberland, Md.
Westernport, Md.
Listie, Pa.
Summit Mills, Pa.
Washington, Pa.
Parkersburg, W. Va.
Leamersville, Pa.
Kittanning, Pa. (First)
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)

By John Evans

*Development Department
Field Representative*

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Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)
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Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)
Harrah, Wash.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Okeechobee, Fla.
Wheaton, Ill. (2 projects)
North English, Iowa

Alto, Mich.
Lake Odessa, Mich.
Hanover, Pa.
Martinsburg, Pa.
Homerville, Ohio
Camden, Ohio
Englewood, Ohio
Telford, Pa.
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)
Uniontown, Pa.
Sterling, Ohio

One professor recently commented: "We are so grateful here for the privilege of training many wonderful Christian young people, and we want to be as effective as possible. We think they deserve the best. The addition of the ceramic kiln will certainly be a help to the art program and will be used and appreciated by many students."

You or one of the organizations in your church can also have the joy of helping to provide for one of the many special needs for which there are no available funds in the school budget.

Why not contact your own local Grace representative or write to John Evans, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, for information about a project just the right size for your group.

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Forty Grace Faculty and Staff Members Receive Recognition

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, at a special Recognition Banquet cited forty members of the faculty and staff for their years of dedicated service with the schools.

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., who retired after twenty-nine years of service in various capacities as seminary teacher, registrar, and vice president of Grace Schools, was the recipient of a twenty-five-year watch.

On the basis of a five-year scale, service pins were awarded to the following with the actual number of years of service indicated after each name:

Twenty-year pins were presented to: Dr. James L. Boyer, 20; Dr. Homer

A. Kent, Jr., 20; and Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., 20.

Fifteen-year pins went to: Dr. S. Herbert Bess, 19; Dr. Benjamin A. Hamilton, 19; Mrs. Benjamin (Mabel) Hamilton, 19; R. Wayne Snider, 17; Dr. Norman H. Uphouse, 17; Donald E. Ogden, 17; Dr. Jesse D. Humbert, 16; and Richard G. Messner, 16.

Ten-year pins were awarded to: Dr. E. William Male, 12; Lloyd A. Woolman, 11; Joyce Ashman, 10; and Arnold R. Kriegbaum, 10.

In the five-year pin category were: Ronald Henry, 9; Mrs. Richard (Yvonne) Messner, 9; Russel Dunlap, 9; J. Paul Dowdy, 8; Dr. Paul R. Fink, 8; Mrs. Agnes N. Derr, 8; Donald A. Garlock, 7; Glen M. Kammerer, 7;

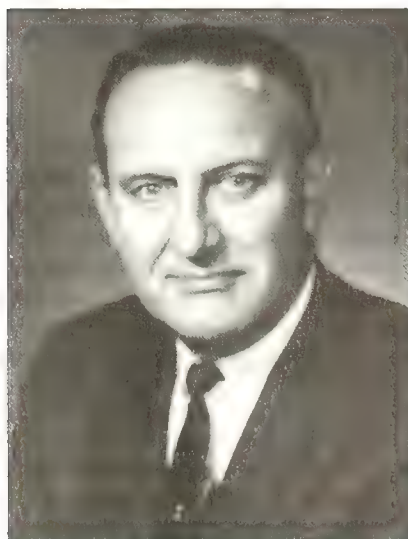
Mrs. Norman (Miriam) Uphouse, 7; Phillip Howell, 7; Harold Witzky, 7; Thomas E. Hammers, 7; Dr. John J. Davis, 6; Dr. Charles E. Henry, 6; Mrs. Florent (Dorothy) Toirac, 6; Glenn Stauffer, 6; Joe Vander Molen, 6; Mrs. Charles (Paulette) Sauders, 6; Richard A. Dilling, 5; Gerald R. Franks, 5; John H. Stoll, 5; Daniel E. Wonderly, 5; H. Leslie Moore, 5; Mrs. H. Leslie (Elizabeth) Moore, 5.

Dr. Hoyt was optimistic for the future of Grace Schools as he announced a 1.8 million dollar budget for the 1971-72 school year based on a projected increase in the fall enrollment in both the college and seminary.

The Recognition Banquet, first in the thirty-four year history of Grace Schools and attended by 158 faculty and staff members with their spouses, is planned as an annual event.

President of Grace Schools since 1962, Dr. Hoyt has served for thirty-four years, since the inception of Grace Seminary in 1937.

Elect Kriegbaum President of National Group



Arnold R. Kriegbaum

Arnold R. Kriegbaum, dean of students at Grace College, was elected as president of the Association of Christian Deans and Advisors of Men for a two-year term, at their nineteenth annual meeting in Oklahoma City, in June. He had previously served as secretary-treasurer of ACDAM for a three-year term.

The association includes some eighty colleges and universities from the entire United States and Canada, with a membership of about two hundred deans. The vice president is John Erwin of Birmingham, Alabama, and the secretary-treasurer is Donald Urey, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Another organization, The Association of Christian Deans of Women, met simultaneously with ACDAM, with Miss Pam Reeves of Portland, Oregon, as president.

Mrs. Norman (Miriam) Uphouse, Dean of Women at Grace College, as past president of ACDW, is now a member of the executive committee.

Grace College hosted the associations in 1970. The 1972 conference will be held at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, and the 1973 conference will convene at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

DR. BESS HOSPITALIZED IN FRANCE WITH HEART ATTACK

Dr. S. Herbert Bess, suffered severe pains and numbness in his left arm on July 1, while lunching with the Tom Juliens, Macon, France.

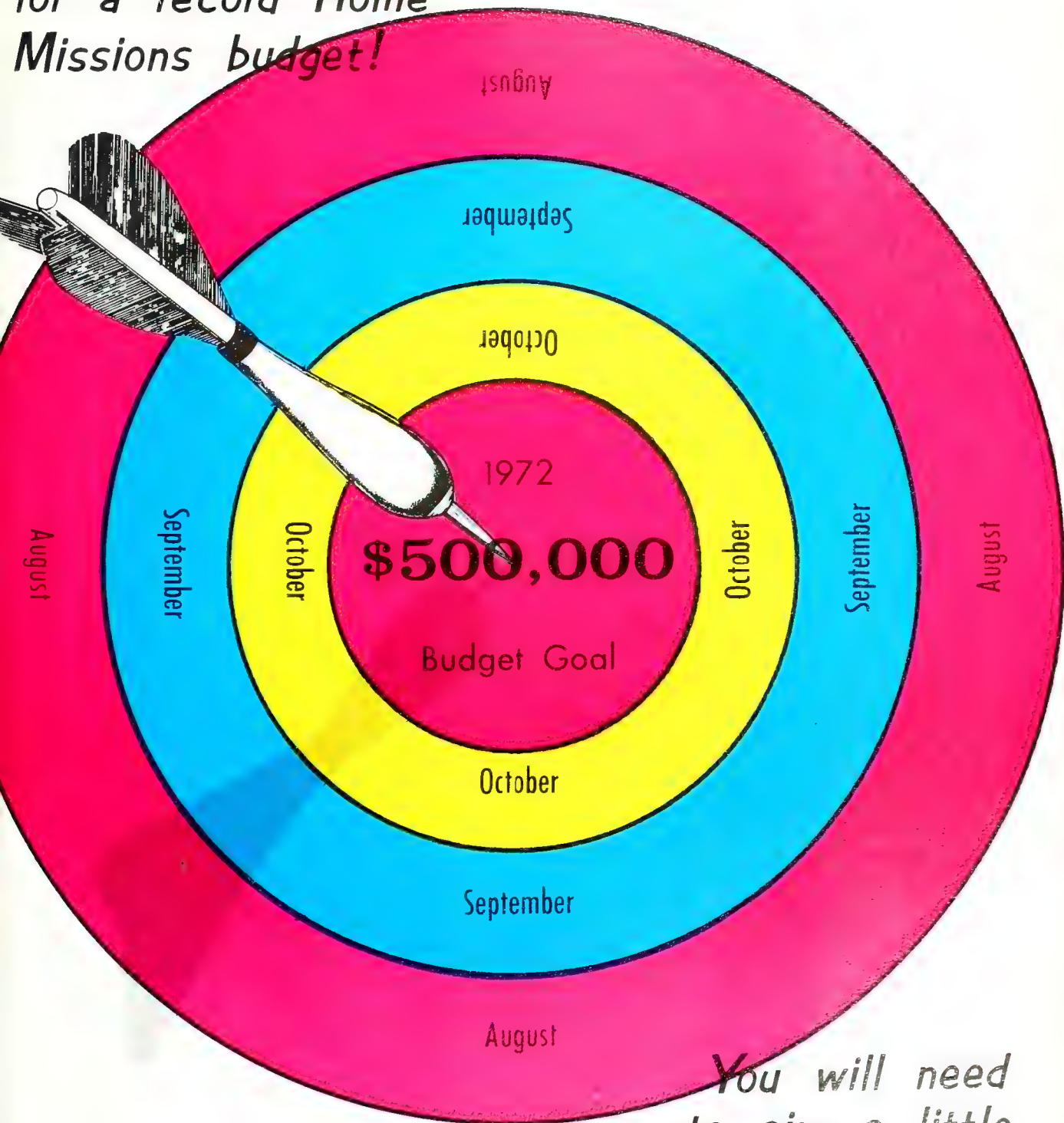
On July 2, they went on to visit the Hank Bryants, both Grace graduates, contacted a heart specialist, who discovered he had suffered a serious heart attack, hospitalized him, and advised no further travel before October.

The Bess's have been on sabbatical leave since late December, and Dr. Bess expected to resume teaching in the seminary this fall.

We covet your prayers for Dr. and Mrs. Bess.

Their address: c/o M. Henry S. Bryant, Centre Biblique, Geovresset par Oyonnax, 01, France.

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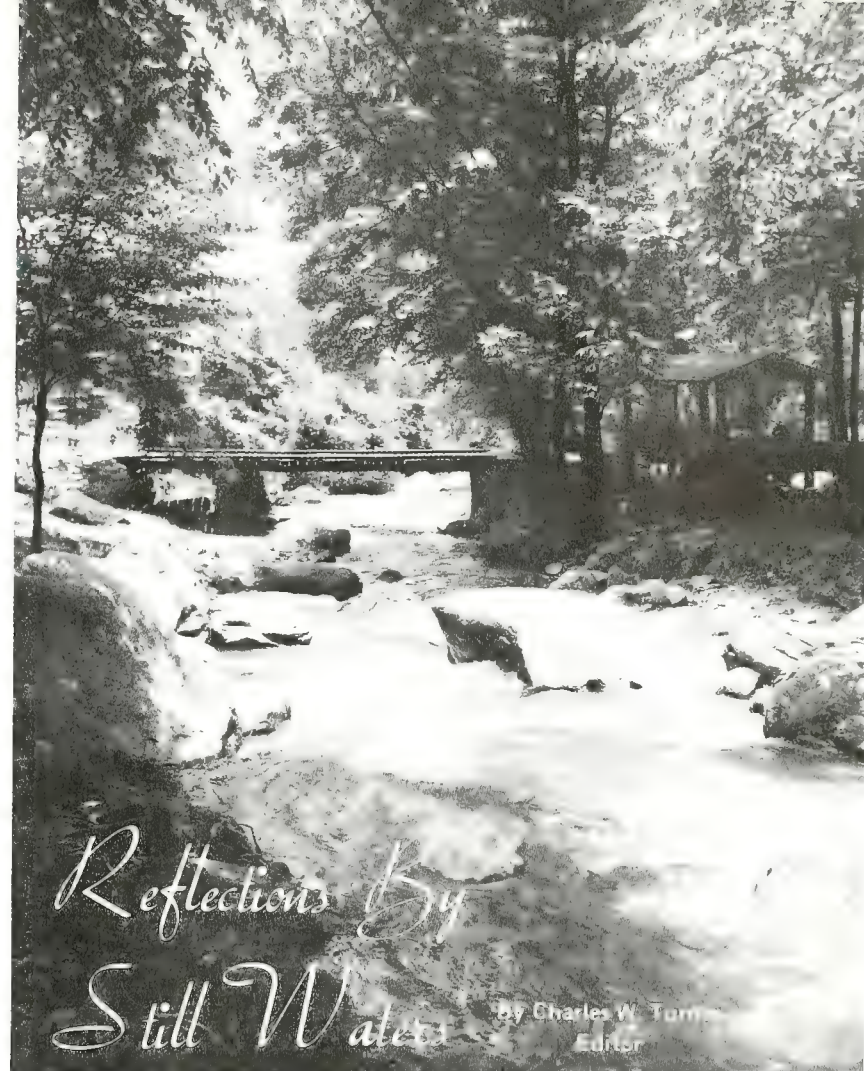
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Thoughts on Toil and Activity

The last holiday of summer has come and gone and again we have celebrated Labor Day—the day in recognition of those who toil at tasks to produce products of use and value to all. Possibly, we have all dreamed of the time when we could sit back and not have to work. Somehow we falsely seem to think that the ideal situation would be to sit in a rocker and rock, or to lie in a hammock and rest day after day—all day long. Such ideas would quickly fade after several days of inactivity and we would want to do something again. Something that would challenge us and result in some type of accomplishment.

We are moving to longer vacation periods and between the vacations longer weekends with many Monday holidays. This will not bring the ideal state for which man is searching. He forfeited that privilege many years ago in Eden. Sin has presented an insurmountable problem to man as he seeks to conquer through his technological advances. Man is looking for a society that will undo the curse. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground..." (Gen. 3:19) said God to Adam—and so it has been. If man could have voted to repeal the curse, it would have been done a long time ago. If man could have presented a decree to undo the curse, it would have been done by some politician centuries ago. It is all here and very real as a problem to each person. There is no magic formula yet invented by the mind of man to correct the situation. Most of our time is spent in seeking to undo the effects of sin. We spend billions of dollars on drugs, medicine, doctors and hospitals—along with the hospitalization premiums—fighting the curse. All to no avail—as the earth claims the body in the end. We lock our houses, cars, offices, and carry a pocketful of keys all the time fighting the curse. We lock, hide objects, buy safe-deposit boxes and pay insurance premiums because of the sin and the curse.

What a workday Adam must have had tending the garden! He was not inactive but he did not toil. There is a difference between toil and activity. One involves the expenditure of



energy to the point of extreme labor, laborious labor. It carries a negative sense. There is on the other hand the quality or state of being active, which does not result in the negative aspects of hard labor. Adam experienced the satisfaction of being busy with its resultant pleasures. Sin changed that and his garden was gone. Later he knew the thorns and thistles and a strange new sensation—activity had changed to toil. The pains of labor were felt and his body sensed something strange—the birth pains of death.

God has not forgotten His Eden, nor has God forgotten His Adam. Christ so graciously fulfilled the will of the Father in dying to strike back at death and sin. He came as promised to provide for the sons of Adam, to take away the effects of sin. It all begins when by faith we permit God to forgive us of our sins. It reaches fulfillment when we are transformed to be like Him some day in the future.

Some so falsely think of heaven as a place of "taking it easy." Can you

imagine looking forward to a billion or so years without anything to do! That would not be paradise at all. God did not make man for inactivity but rather for service and accomplishment. Ceasing from our labors when we get to heaven is not the same thing as ceasing from activity. The sweat of the brow will disappear, but we will not spend countless ages merely playing harps. As much as I enjoy a three-minute harp concert, the thought of several millenniums of harp concerts does not bring too much prospect of joy. Simply—heaven will not find us leading a lazy life, but one of vigor and joy. Our concepts of eternity many times are not Biblical, but rather the projections of our fallen nature wishing to escape the burdens of life.

We are constantly encouraged to labor for the Lord as long as we remain on this earth. The work is hard, but the promises of God in return are great. Someday, we shall cease from these labors and enter into the joy of activity for our Lord.

The ZamZam ten minutes after the shelling—



LONG TRIP TO BASSAI

By Grace Byron

While World War II raged in Europe, six Brethren missionaries and their families boarded the rickety ZamZam bound for Africa. They were told it was safe, flying a neutral Egyptian flag, and sailing with lights on. But soon the flag was lowered and they traveled "blackened out." On April 17, 1941, they learned it was not quite so safe.

Part 1

(FMS editor's note: The year of 1971 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the sinking of the ZamZam, a ship on which several Brethren missionaries were traveling to Africa early in World War Two. Miss Byron, now retired, was asked to recount her experiences of thirty years ago.)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20). We have Christ's command to "go," and His promise is "lo, I am with you alway."

Back in 1940, World War Two was raging in Europe. Hitler was out to conquer the world and command the seas. His raiders were sinking ships, looting their cargos, taking their crews and passengers to terrible concentration camps or leaving them in lifeboats to perish unless they were picked up by a passing ship.

My furlough was over, and I was due to return to Africa to continue serving the Lord, telling the Africans of Jesus' love and redemption.

In those days there was no air travel to Africa. I secured

passage on the *Zarembo*, an American ship sailing from Tampa, Florida, in December 1940. But while in New York I came down with an attack of malaria and "missed the boat"! I was disappointed, of course, but confident that the Lord would supply another ship even though it was very difficult to secure passage during the war.

"Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Ps. 37:5).

Finally—good news! Passage was secured on the S.S. *ZamZam* for several of us Brethren missionaries—Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Morrill and two children, Elaine, age four, and Steve, about a year old, returning to Africa after their first furlough; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams and Miss Ruth Snyder who were going out for the first time; and I was returning from furlough. The *ZamZam* was an old British ship, used as a transport during World War One. The Egyptian government bought it to transport devout Mohammedan pilgrims to Mecca. They named the ill-fated ship *ZamZam* after a sacred well in Mecca. They assured us it was safe, a neutral ship flying an Egyptian flag and sailing

with lights. The United States was not at war then. The ship was sailing from New York on March 20, 1941, to Alexandria, Egypt, via Cape of Good Hope, South Africa. We would get off at Capetown and there find transportation up to Bangui, and then go into Oubangui-Chari, which is now the Central African Republic.

When we arrived at the pier in New York it was crowded with friends and relatives of the passengers bidding them "bon voyage," but the friends of the missionaries were singing gospel songs of the faith for our encouragement as we stood on the deck.

The captain and chief engineer were British; most of the crew were unreliable Egyptians. There were 202 passengers, plus William, a dachshund; 138 were American, 78 were women, and 35 children. There were various groups—120 Protestant missionaries of 21 different missionary societies, 17 Catholic priests, 24 ambulance drivers, 6 tobacco businessmen, English refugees, 2 Greek nurses, a scientist, and various others. The owner of the dachshund had a dual citizenship, English and American. She was very much English at first, but when it became more advantageous she was American and made it known.

The *ZamZam* sailed about 10 p.m. on March 20, 1941. As we passed the Statue of Liberty and looked back, the harbor was flooded with light. I had mixed emotions in leaving the land of the free on an Egyptian boat during World War Two. We have a wonderful country blessed of God.

I went down to my cabin. It was very small for three women. There was a couch on one side and upper and lower berths on the other side. There was a lavatory at one end and a wardrobe at the other, which left a floor space of about two by three feet to walk in. The porthole was painted black with a peephole in the middle about the size of a dime. We were considerate of each other and did not step on one another's toes. My cabin mates were ardent Seventh Day Adventist missionaries. They were agreeable and friendly but steadfast in their beliefs.

The ship was overcrowded, the meals poor, and the Egyptian stewards gave little service. Their one answer was "tomorrow"—the only English word they knew, but we praised the Lord thinking we would soon be in Africa and conditions would be better.

The missionary group was congenial and we enjoyed Christian fellowship and joined in the prayer meetings and other services, as well as conversing on the deck. The major part of the time was spent in reading. On Easter Sunday the captain and others came to the service and heard the Word. Many groups stayed by themselves, but some were friendly.

Our first stop was on March 23 at Baltimore, where we took on more cargo. The next port of call was Port of Spain, Trinidad, on March 30. There the captain received orders from the British Admiralty to travel "blackened out" and have no communications and fly no flag. This was the beginning of broken promises made to the passengers.

We stopped at Pernambuco, Brazil. Another missionary and I went ashore and had a steak dinner at a very reasonable price. It was our last good meal for about six weeks.

At Recife, Mr. Charles Murphy, journalist for *Fortune* magazine, and Mr. David Scherman, photographer for *Life* came aboard completing our passenger list of 202. They had been sent out to get a war story—and they got it first-

"I went over to the rail and looked across the sea and saw the raider. Between it and the ZamZam was the most beautiful rainbow..."

hand. The story appeared in *Life* in the issue of June 23, 1941.

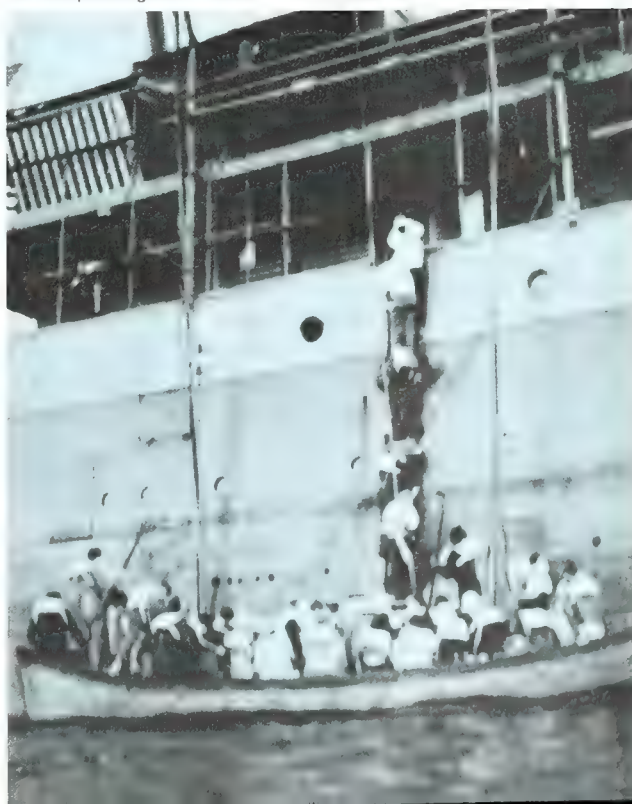
From Recife, Brazil, on April 14, the captain suddenly changed course from southeast to west, going at greatly increased speed, later changing to south, and then back to the regular course direct to Capetown. There were various rumors aboard ship. Finally, we learned the captain had received a message from the English Admiralty that a raider was in the area, and then later an SOS from a Norwegian vessel that was being attacked by a raider. The passengers felt more at ease when we were back on our regular course, but it was not for long.

On the morning of April 17, I awakened early—about five o'clock, thinking it would soon be time for my bath at 6:00. Then suddenly one of my cabin mates jumped up on her couch and looked out the peephole and saw a ship a short distance away. The two ladies frantically rushed around, dressed and put on their life preservers, and left. I came down from my upper bunk, dressed, put on my life preserver and sun helmet, and, putting my Bible, passport, purse and a few other things in my suitcase, went out on deck.

The raider had been shelling the *ZamZam* for about ten minutes. Fifty-five shots were fired, making only nine direct hits—the forecastle first, the engine room, the hull below the waterline, leaving a large hole in the funnel, and other vital places. The *ZamZam* was a total wreck and listing badly. I suppose the reason for firing so many shells was to impress the captain with their power and that he was

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Frantic passengers crowded into lifeboats.





Stateside

Deputation work by foreign missionaries can aptly be described as the "stateside showcase" of foreign missions. It is through this activity that pastors and their people are kept informed of the victories, problems, methods, and programs to be found on foreign fields. It is also a very special and profound experience for those who participate in it.

For the missionary, one of the great blessings of deputation work is a heightened awareness of the protecting presence of God. Leaving Winona Lake, Indiana, one day in the dead of winter with a destination of the Philadelphia area, I had traveled only a few hours when a vicious winter storm struck suddenly. The sky became dark, snow mingled with sleet fell, and the highway became almost impassable. Within a short time a number of cars and tractor-truck outfits were off the road, some of them badly smashed. The trucks that did not go off the road all seemed to want to pass me and did so, blanketing my small, compact car with a blinding shower of dirty snow. Upon more than one occasion I shouted a prayer aloud as the windshield wipers struggled to sweep a spot through which I could see the way. After more than thirteen hours of this kind of driving, a motel loomed up through the night gloom and, securing a room, I found that my hand was shaking so severely I could hardly sign the registration card. Through it all, however, I was aware that my Lord was with me every mile of the way.

Fellowship, based on love of our Lord, His Word, and His work is a great part of deputation ministry. Without exception, the pastors of the

churches in which we ministered were friendly and courteous, exhibiting a genuine spirit of Christian love and brotherliness. Never were the missionaries made to feel that their presence was an imposition or hardship.

If the missionaries were not housed in the pastors' homes, they were placed in the homes of interested members. I will never forget what one young man in Iowa said as we left his home after a stay of three or four days. With a sincere handshake he said, "Well, as far as I am concerned, you can stay as long as you want." There are hundreds of places across the length and breadth of our land where doors would be open and hospitality gladly offered for a return visit by a missionary who had shared the courtesies of the home while on deputation ministry.

One is impressed also by the impact made on the lives of literally hundreds of people by our various Brethren agencies. The work of every board is much in evidence in the homes and churches, but none is more so than Grace College and Seminary. Scores of young people are looking forward eagerly to entering Grace when their high school work is complete, and in many homes and churches we met the families of young people already in the schools. It must be a sobering thought to the professors and officials of the schools to realize the important part they play in molding the lives and shaping the destinies of so many

young men and women.

To tell of the power of the Gospel and the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and women of other lands and other tongues is a blessing which never loses its power to thrill the soul of both speaker and audience. To see how God has worked in the homeland and to tell how He has blessed His Word and enabled His messengers to proclaim it in faraway lands makes deputation work a real



Fellowship with God's people is a great part of the deputation work.

blessing in the lives of missionaries on furlough.

Dr. Donald McGavran, a noted missions leader, has this to say about missions in the seventies: "In missions we are coming to the end of the difficult, hesitant, exploratory era. Hundreds of thousands of nationals lead the enterprise and call loudly for missionary comrades to work alongside them. The task is tremendous. Two billion have yet to hear of the Saviour. The day is far spent and there are more winnable people on earth than there ever have been before."

Soon the season for deputation ministry for Brethren missionaries just home from the fields of the world will be in full swing. Missionaries will be in your church. Look for them; pray for them; arouse your church, your class, or other organizations to have a definite part in making your missionary conference an outstanding success in your church ministry. Your own heart will be blessed as you share in this great, unfinished task of making Christ known in the distant areas of the world.

Showcase



By J. Keith Altig
Deputation Director

FMS News and World Report

African Church Alive and Well

Good news from the Central African Republic! Recent articles in the *Missionary Herald* as well as communications to pastors from this office have pointed out some of the problems between the mission and the church. This has been done because we believe our pastors and congregations want to know the truth rather than being the recipients of a constant flow of "rosy-glow" unrealistic and over-optimistic propaganda reports. We believe the Brethren people want to know where and how the devil is hitting so that they can give more intelligently and pray more earnestly. Alas! as is the case with most news media, the events that get the most coverage—or at least the things which are most remembered—are the extremes. So let's put the records straight.

The African church is not our problem child. In fact, it is not even a child but a mature adult doing very well, thank you. God grant that the church in the U.S. may do as well.

Because of its growth some are tempted to conclude

- a) that missionaries are no longer needed;
- b) that missionaries who do stay must revert to the role of "technician" subservient to the whims of nationals;
- c) that the Foreign Missionary Society is changing its policies toward Africa and will eventually channel mission funds through the national church.

All three assumptions are in error. It is redundant but necessary to repeat: all three of the foregoing assumptions are wrong.

Recent reports from the field reveal that we are arriving at a clearer understanding between missionary and national church leaders. Noel Gaiwaka, president of the ministerium and pastor of the First Church in Bangui (its Sunday attendance being approximately 2,000) and presently visiting the U.S., is pleading from our pulpits that more missionaries should be sent to his land. When we asked him what kind of missionaries should be sent, he pointed to a seminary professor who had just delivered a masterful, soul-searching sermon before a group of missionaries, and he said, "Send that kind of missionary."

And what are we to think of that event of great significance which occurred in the C.A.R. this past year? I refer to the "Life in Christ" campaign where thousands found Christ as Saviour and were brought into the local churches. The thing that seems to stand out in the minds of some U.S. Christians is the report that a few African pastors refused to cooperate with the campaign. Here in the U.S.

we do not expect all pastors or congregations to cooperate in any endeavor, but overseas this becomes a tragedy in our thinking. It is as though we expect Satan to keep his hands off the churches established with mission funds. But he always strikes where it hurts most.

For a moment let's forget the dissenters, the disgruntled, the rebel minority. There are slightly over eight hundred pastors in the C.A.R. I believe it would be safe to say that most of them wanted to cooperate in the campaign, but some were bullied by a rebel element into a non-cooperative role. Now, digest this morsel of good news: seven hundred of these eight hundred *did* participate in the "Life in Christ" campaign and their congregations were blessed of God.

Green Lake, Wisconsin, Conference

The problem surrounding the church-mission relationship is not one that should cause us to lose heart, or to run, or to conclude that the job is done. Nor should we imagine that the problem is unique to the Brethren mission. One of our missionaries who has traveled extensively in other African countries reported that compared to what other societies are facing, our difficulties fade into insignificance.

The question is of such major import that a conference sponsored jointly by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association is scheduled to take place at Green Lake, Wisconsin, in late September. Over six hundred mission leaders will meet together for work/study sessions. But even if all these problems should be solved, the devil will soon have a new battle for us.

The pressures in this spiritual battle are much more severe in the lives of many of our missionaries than U.S. Christians realize. We need to pray that God will renew their strength daily and enable them to face the challenges, the changes, and the opportunities before them. We need to pray also that God will continue to add to the ranks of our foreign mission family, missionaries who like Caleb see beyond the giants—the sufferings—the problems, and in confidence and faith proceed to conquer for the Lamb. It is still true that our Lord does keep leading His people to victory, even in the face of seeming defeats.

Missions Seminar

Three significant developments are painted in bold, colorful lines on the world missions canvas today. In order to acquaint the missionaries with these developments and induce them to initiate the programs on their own fields, time was allotted during the sixth annual Foreign Missions Seminar for the presentation of these topics. Twenty missionaries on furlough, representing Brazil, Africa, Argentina, Mexico, and Germany, along with eight approved candidates met in Winona Lake, Indiana, July 27 through August 2 for the seminar.

The *Church Growth* concept was ably presented by Administrative Assistant Raymond Thompson, who is not only acquainted with much of the recent literature available on the subject, but who has also attended significant conferences and seminars on the church growth theme.

Saturation Evangelism was outlined by Rev. Wayne Beaver, missionary to Africa and coordinator of the "Life in Christ" campaign in the Central African Republic.

Shortly before the seminar Mr. Beaver had returned to the U.S. from a tour of six East African nations, where he helped to set up campaigns similar to the one conducted in C.A.R. It was refreshing to hear of the Lord's blessing upon these evangelistic endeavors, and to realize that thousands are coming to Christ in many parts of the world even in these cynical days.

Assigned to Rev. George Johnson, missionary to Brazil, was the presentation of the *Extension Seminary* program, which has found enthusiastic adoption in much of Latin America. Mr. Johnson has been asked by the Extension Seminary Committee of Brazil to write the program text on the Book of Acts. The committee is a cooperative venture of various missions attempting to get the program started. Later, it is projected, the nationals themselves will write the textbooks.

Another highlight of the seminar was a lecture on some of our contemporary music by missionary-to-Germany Roger Peugh. After the sounds and words of rock music were heard blasting forth from the stereo tape recorder, the explanatory message left no doubt as to the immoral, drug-promoting, anti-Christian intent of much of the music championed by young people today. It is hoped that many of our Brethren churches will have the opportunity to hear this helpful and enlightening tape lecture which has been carefully researched and prepared by Mr. Peugh.

The seminar devotional sections were greatly appreciated by all who had the privilege of hearing Rev. Ivan French, professor of church history and theology at Grace Theological Seminary. Professor French brought heart-

warming messages on the subject of the Holy Spirit. Our thanks go to Professor French for ministering to our missionaries in this manner.

Various additional topics were dealt with by office staff members along with others outside the FMS. The general consensus of opinion expressed by those who attended the seminar was one of gratitude for a most worthwhile week.

Board Actions

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society was held August 3 through 5 at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Officers elected to serve both the Board and Society through the coming year are as follows: President—John Whitcomb; Vice President—Wesley Haller; Secretary—Kenneth Ashman; and Treasurer—Homer Kent, Sr.

Action was taken to increase the number of trustees from eleven to twelve by adding another position reserved exclusively for a layman.

The 1971 budget figure is \$687,440. To date approximately \$322,000 has been received in the annual foreign missions offering, which means that about \$365,000 is yet needed to meet the budget.

New Prayer Booklet

The new and colorful prayer booklet for foreign missions has just come off the BMH press. We are sure that you will be delighted to have your own copy. In using it, be sure to read the words on the front cover and the Scripture verses selected for each day. In this way, as you pray for missionaries, you will be led through God's program for the nations as He speaks His plan through the Word from Genesis to the Revelation.—JWZ

LONG TRIP . . .

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at their mercy. The captain had tried to signal to the raider but the signal system had been damaged the first thing. The captain secured a flashlight, and as he signaled the captain of the raider stopped shelling.

I went over to the rail and looked across the sea and saw the raider. Between it and the *ZamZam* was a most beautiful rainbow arched across the sky, both ends touching the water. I felt safe, for I had His promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

The Egyptian crew panicked. They frantically lowered the lifeboats, a number of which had been damaged during the attack. Many times the crew pulled away from the side of the ship, leaving when the boats were only half filled with passengers, caring only for their own safety. I saw a woman dangling from the bottom of a rope ladder; some jumped into the sea and I saw them bobbing up and down in the water. The damaged boats filled with water quickly and the occupants were cast into the sea; a missionary mother had this misfortune. She told her children to hold on to her, clasp each other by the hand, keep their mouths shut and pray; she held the baby. I saw lifeboats pulling up to the side of the raider and the passengers climbing aboard at the captain's invitation. He also sent out motorboats to rescue those in the water and those left aboard the *ZamZam*. Prayer was being answered.

I looked around and there stood little four-year-old Elaine Morrill, looking so forlorn in her pajamas, sun helmet, life preserver, and her mother's slippers. My heart went out to her, however, I tried not to express any alarm for her safety. I asked her, "Where are your mother and daddy?" "They left me," she whimpered. I said, "Come with me and we will find them." Then she asked, "Why did they leave this boat?" I answered, "We will find them on a cleaner boat."

Elaine stayed close by my side. I was praying that the Lord would send over a motorboat. It was not long before that prayer was answered. I saw to it that Elaine was let down safely in a basket. There was not room for me, but I went on the next boat and saw Elaine safe with her parents.

All the passengers were saved, even William the dachshund. Nine of the passengers were injured, three of them critically. The three were taken off the *ZamZam* securely strapped to stretchers. They were all taken over to the raider and given excellent care by the ship's very efficient doctor. Not one child nor missionary was injured.

Many of us stood by the rail, watching the Nazis take boatload after boatload of stuff off the *ZamZam* and over to the *Tamesis* (the raider). They finished about two o'clock, and then placed time bombs in the *ZamZam*'s hull and blew it up. The boat sank quickly, leaving hardly a trace. Down went the missionaries' precious outfits for Africa. (To be continued)

AN AFRICAN FIRESIDE STORY

By Miss Ruth Snyder
Missionary to Africa

THE CLEVER TURTLE

The rain was falling, so father, mother, and children sat huddled around the fire inside the house. The fire snapped merrily on the three stones which are the African hearth. "A story, a story," begged the children as usual.

"What—even on a rainy night?" asked the father. "Every night," the children replied. Father reached for his Bible and read, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11). And then he told them the story of the clever turtle who outwitted the elephant and the hippopotamus.

The turtle is only a small animal, while the elephant and the hippopotamus are very big. The turtle noticed that the hippopotamus came out of the water to eat his food. And he noticed also that the elephant came to the riverside to drink. This gave the turtle an idea of how to have some fun. So he made a rope.

One day the turtle took his rope to the riverside where he threw one end into the water while he sat on the bank holding the other end. While he sat there, the elephant came to drink. The turtle said to the elephant, "If I were in the water and you on the outside, and if we both pulled on this rope, I could throw you into the water."

The elephant, thinking that this would be impossible, said: "Very well. I agree. Go into the water now."

"No," said the turtle, "wait two sleeps and then come back here. When you arrive, grab the rope, for I will be in the water already." The elephant agreed and went his way.

When the hippopotamus came out of the water to eat, the turtle said to him: "If you were in the water and I out here, and if we both pulled on this rope, I could pull you out of the water."

The hippopotamus, knowing that this would be impossible, said: "Very well. I agree. Let's do it."

"Not now," replied the turtle; "wait two sleeps and then return here." The unsuspecting hippopotamus agreed and went his way.

On the set day both the elephant and the hippopotamus arrived at the place. The elephant took the end of the rope lying on the ground. The hippopotamus took the end of the rope in the water. Each thought that the turtle was at the opposite end. So they pulled, and they pulled harder and harder. And they tugged until the elephant pulled harder than the hippopotamus and dragged him out of the water.

The elephant looked to see the turtle, but there was the hippopotamus! The hippopotamus looked to see the turtle, but there was the elephant! Each one said at the same moment, "Where is the turtle?" "I don't know," said one, while the other was saying, "I don't know" also.

"Children," said the father, "the devil is just like the turtle. He is throwing his rope between God's children so they quarrel among themselves. When we look, we can't see the devil any more than the two big animals could see the turtle when they looked for him. But he is there causing all this trouble. It is good to put on all God's armour so we can resist the devil."

So the children fell asleep chuckling about the clever turtle, and hoping that when Satan would tempt them, they would be more clever than the elephant and the hippopotamus.

13 Missionaries Needed...

"LIFT up your eyes, and LOOK on the fields" (John 4:35). This is God's way of getting His people to do His work. We must see the need. This is basic to divine motivation.

The need in Argentina is crucial. At best, the political situation is shaky. Neighboring Chile has an elected Marxist in power, and extremists trained in guerrilla tactics continue to infiltrate into Argentina from various communist countries. Persistent leftist propaganda tries to add to the confusion, creating an attitude that "anything would be better than what we have now."

Economically, the people are confused. Though the country is rich in natural resources, bureaucracy and mistrust toward public officials dampen individual enthusiasm and creativity.

Religiously, the people are disillusioned. Old standards of faith and practice are deteriorating, stunning the old and causing the young to look elsewhere to find satisfaction and meaning for their lives. This adds to the general confusion, and usually the radical elements—both political and religious—reap the harvest.

In spite of all this, opportunities for the spread of the Gospel in Argentina have never been greater. Doors are open as they have not been before, and we are thrilled to see the Foreign Missionary Society entering many of these doors. In Buenos Aires, a city of around eight million people, many contacts have been made through the years. Now the Solon Hoyts have been assigned to do what they can to follow up these contacts with visitation and Bible classes. Already two Bible classes have been started, centering around existing local churches.

The Paul Dowdys, after some years

By Rev. Robert Cover

of absence from the field, have been assigned to carry on the ministry of the Hill Maconaghys at the Christian bookstore in Buenos Aires. Opportunities to witness to the unsaved and encourage Christians to live for the Lord are increasing. There will always be a great need for solid Christian literature.

The Clark Millers, now working in the Jose Marmol area of greater Buenos Aires, report progress in their efforts to ready the work there for Argentine leadership.

From the interior of the country—in the province of Cordoba where our work was first begun—come reports of special efforts to evangelize, much of this being done by the young people. The Nelson Fays, our only missionaries presently assigned to work in the interior, tell of increasing opportunities to get into the public schools with Christian films. Juan Colle, pastor of the church in Rio Cuarto, is beginning a new work in a town where two believers have rented a hall specifically for that purpose. And there is the ever-present need for Bible training at the Bible Institute as well as in the local church.

Plans are now underway for the visit of a group of young people from the States to team up with Argentine young people for a specific effort of saturation evangelism which will include door-to-door tract distribution, colportage work, open-air meetings, and Christian film showings. This is scheduled for January, February, and March of 1972.

But missionary manpower is short—only five missionary families are now

on the field. The Argentina Field Council has tried to evaluate the opportunities and is now pleading for more personnel to take advantage of the challenges. Goals have been set and specific ministries named. Thirteen missionaries are needed now to fill these vacancies.

—Five couples are needed to dedicate themselves to church planting ministries, opening up new testimonies in new areas.

—A traveling evangelist and conference speaker is needed who can go among the churches and new works with a ministry using films, audio-visuals, and colportage materials.

—Two institute professors, prepared and called of God to the ministry of teaching, are needed to work in the Institute and in the extension program of Bible training.

—A radio technician, trained in electronics, audio-visuals and photography, is needed to continually upgrade the radio ministry and handle technical needs of the mission.

—Two couples should be dedicated for the specific purpose of following up contacts already made through the radio broadcasts and literature distribution.

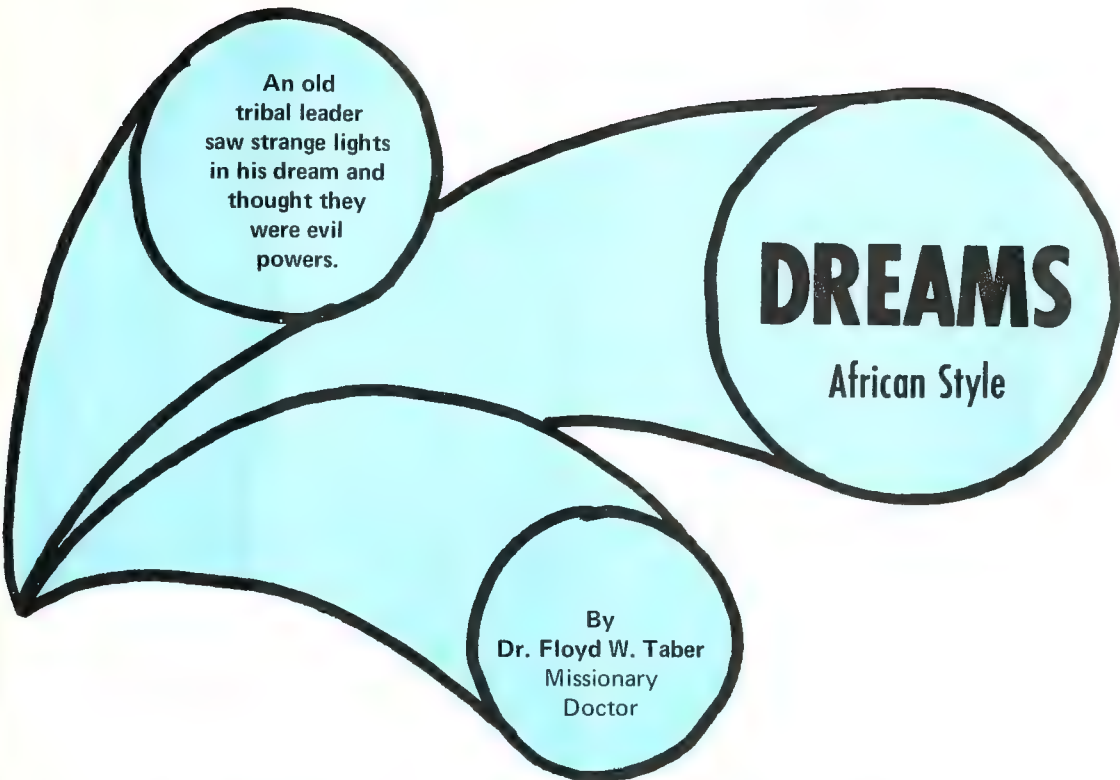
—A couple is needed to work with university students, possibly serving as houseparents of a Christian boarding home.

—A lady missionary is needed now for general literature work, such as routine typing, mimeographing, translation, and correspondence.

Of course, the actual calling to missionary service is the Lord's business, but let us not forget that being "available" is ours. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

...Now!

Brethren Missionary Herald



An old
tribal leader
saw strange lights
in his dream and
thought they
were evil
powers.

DREAMS

African Style

By
Dr. Floyd W. Taber
Missionary
Doctor

One Saturday night two of our patients had nightmares.

One of them dreamed that someone threw a spear, and it went right through his chest. Now, it is not difficult to explain why he dreamed about his chest, because he has an abscess of the spleen. But for him the spear was real, and it was the cause of his pain, not the result.

The other patient was the old chief who ruled over the countryside around Boguila for more years than anyone else could remember. But not long ago he was removed from his position, and the chief of another village has been put in the position of mayor. I don't know why, I don't go into political questions; I think he is still chief of the local village but not of the surrounding country.

One day recently, when I went to see him, he was saying that some Arab witch doctors had offered to make strong medicine so he could get rid of his rival by magic. But he answered, "The Bible says, 'Vengeance is mine.' We are not supposed to take vengeance in our own hands." And although he refused to use witch doctor magic against his rival, he still believes his rival is using it against him and that is why he got the best of him. So when he saw strange lights flashing in his nightmare, he believed that was the power of his enemy coming to destroy

him. Yet, in a certain sense he realizes that his trouble is all in his head, for he said: "When an old man begins to say queer things, that is the end of everything. If I had something with which to do it, I would kill myself."

A French philosopher named Des Cartes said: "We don't know whether anything is real or not. When we dream, we think we are seeing real things. But when we awake, we know it was only a dream. Perhaps when we think we are awake, it is just another kind of dreaming. Perhaps nothing is real at all."

The Africans just turn his idea upside down. They think that both dreams and everyday things are real, and probably dreams are even more real than everyday things. The dreams really reveal the things which are bothering a person.

When I was a boy somewhere between five and ten years old, I used to have the same dream over and over again. A big animal like a bull would be chasing me. It had one ordinary horn, and one great big long horn sticking out in front, like a unicorn. And when the dream would wake me, it seemed as if it took me hours to quit trembling and go back to sleep again. But it never entered my mind in my waking hours to think that the animal might be real. Even as a child I knew it was a figment of my imagination.

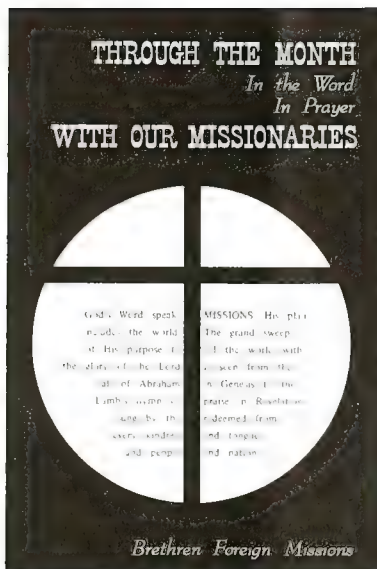
But just imagine how it would have added to my fright if I had believed the animal was real; that though I saw it only at night, in reality it was chasing me day and night. If you can imagine that, then you can begin to imagine the kind of world the Africans live in.

The old chief says he has not eaten anything for a week; that he just chokes up when he thinks about eating. He is in good physical condition, but unless we can persuade him to eat, he will soon starve to death. How does one go about persuading a man to eat when the demons have got him down? One way is to give him food and call it medicine. But that is not adequate, and it is not attacking the root of the problem. Another way is to ridicule his fears and tell him his dreams are a result of an overwrought imagination, or a little undigested gravy. (Of course, the indigestion bit would hardly work on a man who has not eaten for a week.)

What then? The only way I know is to persuade him that God controls the world of dreams and the world of witch doctors as well as the world of scientific medicine; that there is no kind of medicine which can do anyone any harm or any good apart from the will of God. And trust the Holy Spirit to open his heart so he can believe it.

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Two New Books For You!



Prayer Booklet

A new prayer booklet has been printed to take the place of the old blue-and-white one you have been using. The new one has a bright red-and-white cover and is larger in size than the old one.

Something else which is different is that this one has pictures not just of the grown-up missionaries, but also of their families. That should remind people to pray for the missionary kids, too.

Missionary Helpers, your pastor should have some of these new prayer booklets at the church. If you haven't received one already, be sure to ask him for one.

The other new book is this year's missionary storybook. It is called "Missionary Story Time, Series 16." Some of the stories

of this book are "The Man Who Ate the Saint"—"Help in Time of Trouble"—"Boys and Spears"—and there are nine others. It has a light blue cover with pictures of children in Hawaii on it. You'll be sure to enjoy these stories.

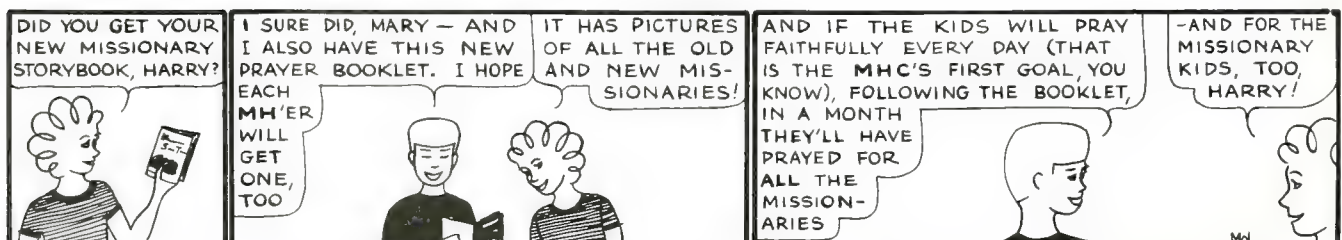
If you have not received either or both of these books at your church, you may write and ask for them. They are free. But remember to ask your pastor first.

Write to: Missionary Helpers Club
Box 588
Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Tell which book or books you want, and give your name, address, city, state, and zip code. Be sure to write clearly.

Missionary Storybook

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY



Church News

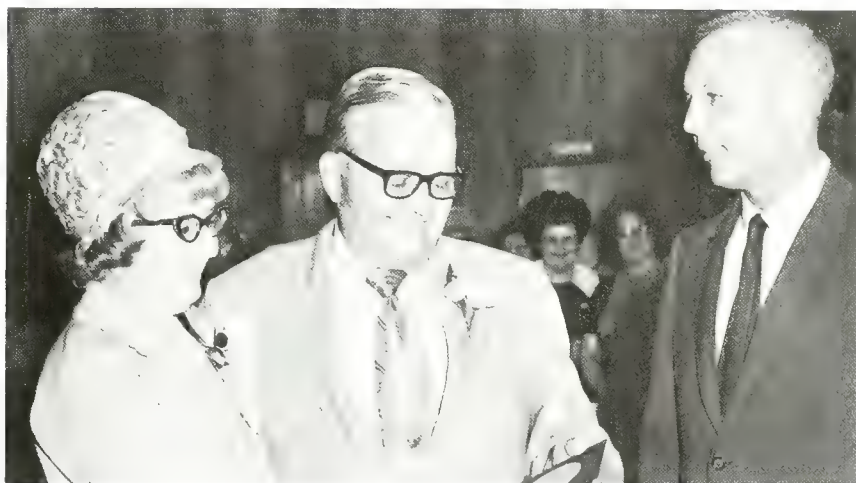
NOTICE. Effective immediately—all correspondence relative to pastorless churches and available men should be directed to the newly elected chairman of this committee, Rev. Lester E. Pifer. His address is Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES—News Flash—Final election results for the officers of conference are as follows: Moderator—Robert Collitt; Vice Moderator—Wayne Beaver; Secretary—Clyde Landrum; Asst. Secretary—Jerry Young; Treasurer—Dean Risser; Statistician—Harold Etling; Committee on Committees—Charles Ashman, Richard Grant, Luther L. Grubb.

PEEBLES, OHIO. Special prayer meetings are being held here (10 miles south of Sinking Spring, Ohio) to discern God's will in starting a church in this area. If you know of anyone interested or any you would like contacted, please inform us of names and addresses. Please pray for God's guidance in each step of the way. J. Paul Reno, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Box 55, Sinking Spring, Ohio 45172.

DAYTON, OHIO. J. Hudson (Sonny) Thayer has assumed the position of assistant pastor with a direct ministry to youth at the First Brethren Church. Mr. Thayer recently completed his studies at Grace Seminary, and began his new ministry on Sept. 1. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

TEXAS. Do you know of any one living in the McAllen—San Juan area of Texas who would be interested in helping to start a Brethren church? If you know of such, please send the information to Mr. Charles R. Brumbaugh, Box 68B, R. R. 1, San Juan, Texas 78589.

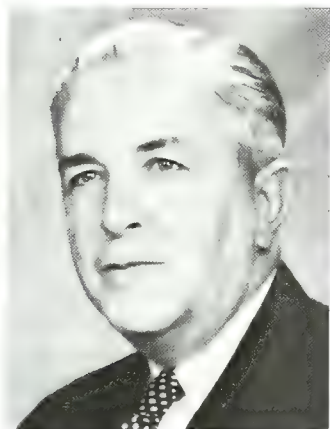


Rev. and Mrs. Robert Collitt receive two tickets to the Holy Land from Mr. Fred Kuhn.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Collitt were pleasantly surprised when they received two round-trip tickets to the Holy Land on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Fred Kuhn, chairman of the board of deacons of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., is shown above as the Collitts register surprise and pleasure. The gift, provided by the members of the church and other friends, was kept completely secret for almost three months and was presented at a surprise reception, following a dinner hosted by the deacons and deaconesses of the church.

The Holy Land trip will become a reality when the Collitts leave on Oct. 23, returning on Nov. 6.



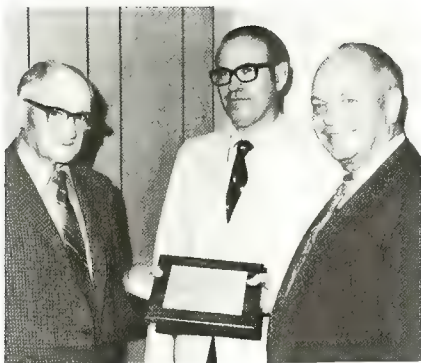
Dr. Harold Etling

WINONA LAKE, IND. A special service was held at the recent Christian Education Convention in grateful recognition to Dr. Harold Etling for 18 years of outstanding service as Director of the Christian Education Department. He retired from the position of director on Sept. 1, and is now serving as director emeritus. The Christian Education board, staff and friends presented him with an outboard motor and gasoline can, an IBM typewriter, an executive chair, a plaque, and a tribute book.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Myerstown, Pa.	Sept. 5-10	Luke Kauffman	Nathan Meyer
Vandalia, Ohio	Sept. 5-10	Everett Caes	Allen Herr
Dayton, Ohio			
(First)	Sept. 12-19	G. Forrest Jackson	Allen Herr
Meyersdale, Pa.			
(Summit Mills)	Sept. 12-19	Roy Kreimes	Dean Fetterhoff
Johnstown, Pa.			
(Geistown)	Sept. 19-26	Robert Spencer	Wesley Haller
Findlay, Ohio	Sept. 26-Oct. 3	Glenn Coats	Dean Fetterhoff
Des Moines, Iowa	Sept. 24-31	Ralph Miller	Richard Sellers



WINONA LAKE, IND. Bryson Fetters honored! Pictured at left in above photo is Mr. Fetters with a special plaque presented to him by the Missionary Herald board of trustees for 21 years of service on the board. In the center is Rev. Charles Turner, executive editor and general manager of the Herald Co., and at right, Rev. Ralph Colburn, chairman of the board. Mr. Fetters retired from the board this year, and although in poor health recently, was able to be present for the board meetings and the national conference. God bless you, Bryson.

MUNDY'S CORNER, PA. Fifteen years ago a new building was dedicated to the Lord by the Pike Brethren Church. On a recent Sunday, this anniversary was celebrated with the assistance of three former pastors: Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Rev. Robert Ashman and Rev. Clair Gartland. As these men of God ministered to the friends of this area, they brought joy and encouragement to all. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. "I want to thank the people who prayed for me when I had surgery. The Lord truly helped me to gain my strength back quickly. As He leads, I am planning to return to Africa in October or November"—*Ruth Kent*.

KENT, WASH. Pastor Phillip J. Simmons, after serving over 12 years in the Seattle area, resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church. He organized the week-night Bible class from which this church grew, and later, as the years passed, a beautiful and functional edifice was built. For 18 months the church has been on a self-supporting program. Pastor Simmons expects to continue in the pastoral work where and as the Lord leads.

NEW TROY, MICH. To honor over 10 years of ministry by the Gerald Kelleys, the New Troy Brethren Church hosted a farewell "open house." Many tokens of appreciation were given to the Kelleys including a love gift of over \$400. Middlebranch, Ohio, is the new field of service where the Lord has called Pastor and Mrs. Kelley.

Pastor Ronzil Jarvis and his wife began their ministry at New Troy on Aug. 1. Pastor Jarvis is a recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary.

CHANGES. Rev. Donald Hocking, 650 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90814. Rev. Milton Ryerson, 1170 Wolf, Whitehall, Pa. 18052. The address for Rev. and Mrs. Clark W. Miller which appeared in the Foreign Missionary Directory in the July 10 issue of the *Herald* is incorrect. As corrected the address is as follows: Bartolome Mitre 2370, Jose Marmol, F.C.G.R., Pcia. de Bs. As., Argentina, S.A.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BURGESS, Raymond W., 44, was called home to be with the Lord June 29. As a young man he accepted Christ as Saviour and has faithfully served Him in the Brethren Church. He had served as moderator of the Michigan District of Brethren Churches and at the time of his death was vice moderator of the Lansing Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich. Harry Froehlich, Jr., pastor.

MILLER, Mrs. Cora, entered into the presence of her Lord on July 22. Mrs. Miller was the mother of Mrs. Donald Miller, our missionary to the Central African Republic, and was a member of the First Brethren Church of La Verne, Calif. Memorial services were conducted by the pastor, Forest Lance.

SIEFER, Mrs. Clara, 87, went to be with the Lord June 25. She was a long-time member of the Clayton Brethren Church and was loved and spoken highly of by all who knew her. The memorial service at the Clayton Brethren Church was conducted by Rev. Neal McDowell, the pastor of Mrs. Siefer's daughter. Paul Woodruff, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Marilyn Byers and Tom Barnes, May 23, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Patty Ann Yoder and David H. Knopsnyder, May 29, Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Sandra Kay Hemmings and David Lytle, Jr., June 10, Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Rebecca Lynn Howard and James Henderson, June 12, Clayton Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio. Rebecca's father, Rev. William Howard, performed the ceremony, assisted by Pastor Paul E. Woodruff.

Marsha Roeser and John Ley, June 19, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Cindy Fox and Robert Eicher, June 20, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Sylvia Bugg and Ricky Heller, June 26, Grace Brethren Church, Myers-town, Pa.

Jane Cooper and John Teevan, June 26, Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa. Pastor Milton Ryerson performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Donald Jentes.

Gail Devore and Edward Phillips, June 26, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa.

Janet Sue Wright and Cary Allen Lingenfelter, June 26, Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa. The father of the groom, Pastor Homer Lingenfelter, performed the ceremony.

Deborah Hull and Larry Shepard, July 3, Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Diane Kay Knipp and Donald James Dunn, July 3, Grace Brethren Church, Defiance, Ohio.

Jane Ebling and Jack Russell, July 10, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Judy Burns and Daniel White, July 10. Pastor Robert Burns, father of the bride officiated at the ceremony assisted by Rev. Leslie Moore of Winona Lake, Ind. The Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, Pa., was the scene of the marriage.

Beverly Shipe and Nicholas Resciniti, July 31, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa.

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He offers the power of His great love. Maybe this power is the missing link
in our "cause" witness today.*

Produce Your Cause

By Althea S. Miller

Many spiritual rebels take delight in accusing the organized church of having been talking to itself for a long time, and of not being relevant to the Now generation. Honest or not, this judgment seems to be supported by the evident lack of spiritual motivation among youth and adults. They believe that life is capricious, stupid, senseless, yet they seem unable or unwilling to make constructive changes. Their devious behavior is now obvious enough to make the so-called "mature" stop and think. Are you thinking? It is to these people and ideas we must relate if we are to help.

There is no doubt that embracing causes will not answer the gaps and anguish of life. The real issues lie deep within man. At the risk of oversimplification—only complete yieldedness of self to God can answer to life's travail. I must walk in boldness as God's purpose is fulfilled in me. Be motivated to this bold walk from a sure and deeply rooted love for my Father, in the assurance that His love for me will never diminish. I must also walk confidently in the knowledge that He will never stoop to manipulate me to embrace or produce a cause. He offers the power of His great love. Maybe, just maybe, this dimension of power is the missing link in our "cause" witness today. Perhaps this is why we often manipulate spirituality rather than motivate toward godliness.

Greg was a drop-out from home, church and education. Frankly, almost unemotionally, he stated he was leaving home, rejecting college and repudiating all the spiritual aspects of life which he once held dear to "show you all I've not let you pour me into your mold. I've just gotta see what the world's all about."

By way of thumb language he made it across country and "crashed" successively at the homes of several relatives. Although shocked and hurt by their loved one's deterioration, the relatives welcomed him with warm hospitality.

After a day or two with relatives, Greg's itchy feet began to bother him again. He became morose and sullen—as communicative as a clam. One day before he "split" to pursue his aimless wanderings, a sister asked: "Did you really come to visit us so we can have some family fellowship, or did you just come for food and a place to sleep?" With little hesitation Greg admitted to the latter. That the young man had been motivated—there can be no doubt. Neither is there any doubt as to the selfishness that manipulated his relatives' hearts of love to his advantage for as long as he felt he needed them.

Apparently then, there's a motivation to good and a motivation to evil. Is the latter attained by manipulation? I think so. The dictionary seems to concur. Webster says that to *motivate* is to stimulate to action; provide with incentive or motive. *Manipulate* begins with control or operation by skilled use of hands; to handle. Then it degenerates to influence or manage shrewdly, deviously; to tamper with; falsify for personal gain.

Scary, isn't it? Especially when you think of all the manipulation that's going on around us at this moment. Politics, churches, schools, homes—even yours!

I know a Christian who is a master at manipulating facts until they become fabrications, or, fabrications are manipulated to become illusions of truth, if this is to her advantage.

Please, Father, I want no part of manipulation of persons, facts or truth. This surely must be sin, because manipulating people and things like puppets on a string so often leads to exalting self, enslaving others and excluding God from life. Rather, let me be so motivated by the glory of Your love that my life will be a paean of praise to Thee, a pillar of support to free a brother. Then only will I be purely motivated.

There are at least two kinds of motivation—extrinsic, which says if you do this I'll reward you with that; and intrinsic, which says—I'll produce something or become something just because I want to—no reward in sight. It makes me happy to do good, live nobly, give generously of myself. You don't have to give me anything for me to be motivated toward godliness.

How is this all achieved? It's not easy; it may take some heartbreak and a bit of doing, but the Bible tells how: "... be thou an example of believers, in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12). Yes, I know Timothy addressed this to the young, but you're young at heart, surely!

It is not within our power to fully motivate our young or even ourselves to walk along the path where we'll always hear God's voice: "This is the way, walk ye in it," thus reaching spiritual maturity. Neither do I think God's arm is shortened, yet this is often the image we project on a weary, *manipulated* world.

Have you forgotten how your Father wants to fill you with His love? Let it bubble over in a cascade of purity, motivating men to look outward in compassion and upward with joy.

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"ye doers of the word"



Theme—"Be Ye Doers of the Word"

Verse—James 1:22

Home Base—The Epistle of James

As we begin this year of devotional Bible studies, it is suggested that each woman read the Book of James to prepare her heart and mind to receive instruction in practical Christian living.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon [serve] the Lord shall renew [reinvigorate] their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

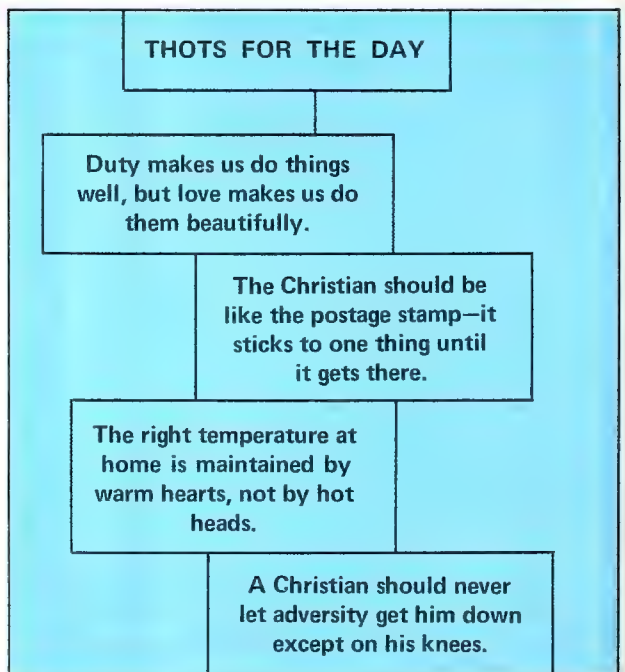
This verse in Isaiah is a definite promise. Remember our favorite Scripture from Hebrews 10:23 which says, "... he is faithful that promised." We are instructed to be active Christians. We are to serve the Lord, with the promise of renewed strength—and who doesn't need that these days! We can fly, run and walk without getting weary or fainting. That is, you can if you are really, truly, no kidding, and without reservation serving the Lord. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..."

Our home base will be the Epistle of James. From here each month, we will adventure throughout all the Scriptures, sometimes mounting up with wings, sometimes running, and sometimes walking. We will be looking for guidance and direction in how to be doers of the Word.

Each month we will be following the lives of Marla Mason and her friend, Willa Mae Conway, in a story of

everyday living entitled "Doers of the Word." It is our prayerful request that you may become a very real counterpart of their lives by finding yourself in similar situations for the glory of God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Editor's note: Our deep appreciation and thanks go to our writer of the Bible studies for this year, Mrs. Willard Smith of Minerva, Ohio. The interesting and challenging way she has presented God's Word to us I'm sure will be a joy to each of our WMC ladies. We also wish to recognize the work of the Indiana District Devotional Committee for 1971-72: Mrs. William Smith, Chairman, Mrs. Bruce Brickel and Mrs. Kenneth Rucker.



God Always Gives His Best



The Inman Family

(to those who leave the choice with Him.)

Many memories flooded my mind as I packed the seventeen-year accumulation of a growing family. Becoming a part of the home-mission family again is God's choice for us... and a happy choice, too.

It's been an exciting adventure to see God's supply of "choices" in my life in our new assignment in Colorado Springs. My time had been very much involved in the Lord's work before, but now He has given me a new outreach in personal evangelism. . . .

...like my Good News Club. A record high of forty-five youngsters from my immediate neighborhood squeezed into the front room. (Forty-five youngsters also means the noise of that many voices on our block during summer vacation!)


...or like the weekly ladies Bible study which began on our block. Never before had I been challenged to present God's Word to women in my neighborhood in a front-room discussion.

By Mrs. Thomas Inman
Pastor's Wife

...then there's Ursula who lives across the street from us. Born and raised in Germany, she is an Army wife and now an American citizen. She accepted my invitation to attend our first WMC meeting, then came to see me the next day to share her uncomfortable feelings because she felt a lack. My daughter's room, where I was sewing curtains for her window, suddenly became the sanctuary where Ursula became a citizen of still another country.

...and Gloria, also a neighbor, with Roman Catholic background and some of Jehovah's Witness teachings. She and her family began attending our services in January. "How can I become a member of your church?" was her question two weeks later. With a smile on her face she responded to the invitation to accept Jesus into her

life after we reviewed the Four Spiritual Laws at her dinette table. In recounting her encounter with Christ she said later, "No one ever asked me *that* question before"—the question being to receive Christ.

The most recent choice was made this week when our future building site was selected. It's a sense of relief to know the area in which we are to concentrate our efforts. But for right now, we still meet in a school building for Sunday school and morning services. All other services are in our home. Our furniture is rearranged, folding chairs are put up, and our home becomes the sanctuary where God meets with a nucleus of believers who have a vision of big things to come. Someday I'll remember with nostalgia the smudges and scratches on furniture, the invasion of our privacy, tracking in on my carpet, flowers broken by children's play after services... but all this mingled with a peace that comes when the choice is made by God. 

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Some Sunshine from Florida

A District president reports on another good year

I want to thank each and every WMC member for her prayers, for her willing service, and for her thoughtfulness during the year 1970-71; for the constitution committee and its faithfulness; for the program chairman's faithfulness in planning our programs; for singing praises to the Lord; for victories and growth in many ladies' lives; for willingness to share blessings and trials in Our Abundant Lives as Christian Women Manifesting Christ.

Visiting in each WMC, I was thrilled at each meeting and blessed to be with you. I did hear some remarks such as—"ten minutes is long enough for a Bible study." May I remind you that each WMC program is written with you in mind—for a composite study of the Scripture, apart from the home, woman to woman, for soul searching (soul food), if you please; for helping you to maintain a home as a godly woman; to help you make decisions in your life pleasing to the Lord in rearing children in a Christ-centered home.

There is no place in God's Word for us to have a double standard in our homes. Churches are reflecting the double standard of the home. Pastors have more difficult problems to deal with because we have allowed the world to take toll on our homes. We as women have let our standards down. We have allowed the short skirts to get shorter, pants and sweaters to get tighter, and now we have a new phase—Hot Pants—if you please. The world is calling a spade a spade. I say to you it is time we wake up and open our eyes to what our standards are doing to the world. What about II Corinthians 6:14-18? We live in this world, but we are not of this world. We do not take the stand we should. We do not separate ourselves from the world.

"Susie Jones bought the neatest dress and I want one like it. Oh! Mom, please. I don't want to be the only girl in the block to be different." So we

say OK. To our amazement, daughter comes home with a blouse for a dress. Or it might be a two-piece bathing suit. I stop here for a moment to say that our youth committee and pastors have requested that there be no two-piece bathing suits worn at camp. You as mothers have a job to do at home. Stop and think what it is really doing to your daughter by letting her make a decision to wear a two-piece bathing suit at home!

When a counselor confronts daughter because she is wearing a scanty two-piece bathing suit and insists that she cover herself, daughter's reply is: "I don't see why I must cover up. My parents think it is OK—I can wear it at home." Mother sends a T-shirt for daughter to cover herself. When wet it clings to her as flesh and looks like flesh. The first thing Eve wanted in the garden after she had sinned was to be covered. God gave her a covering of skins (animal skins)—read Genesis 3:21. We are born in sin, Romans 5:19. Her fig leaves weren't enough. Ought we not to cover ourselves as godly women? True, we are first concerned with inner adoration to God. But is not the inner adoration shown by our outward adorning?

The holy women of old adorned themselves for their own husbands. Tell me, were the thighs for the world to see? Enclosed in your district news is a little leaflet for you to read prayerfully and carefully. Ask God what He would have you do. The first animal sacrifice was a covering for sin. Skin covering of the body, that we might be pure inwardly and on the outside.

I want to thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him. First in the home with children and then through Child Evangelism Fellowship, in Good News Clubs, in Primary Church, and as your Florida District WMC President. Next I praise Him for the privilege of growing through trials that I might mature a godly woman, with wisdom to train the younger, knowledge to sustain in trials through diligent searching of the Word of God.

With much prayer and hard, diffi-

cult work we have our new constitution ready to be placed in your hands.

In Ephesians 3:20 we read—"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." I want to praise the Lord for what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do in developing women to manifest Christ. I want to thank Him for the privilege of serving on the national committee as program chairman, for the cooperation of each one on the committee. From you ladies I ask diligent prayer for wisdom and that all will go according to His will. Knowing the devil is constantly pulling me to hinder God's work, I press toward His calling that I might be a doer of His work in word and deed. Not being deceived for "whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4).—*Ruth Latham, Florida District WMC president*

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My Window on the World

I like to think of WMC as my window on the world. Being that almost extinct person, a non-working wife whose family is grown and gone from home, how dull my four walls could be. And what I see through the windows of television and today's journalism sickens me.

But ah, the windows of WMC! What beautiful visions I see through them! Africa is no longer dark nor faraway. There I see other WMC women studying the Bible, cooking for conference, going to prayer meeting early in the morning before they go to the gardens, and telling their friends about Christ. There I see three of this year's birthday missionaries working—the washer and dryer are busy in Hospitality House.

In Argentina I see people listening eagerly to radio programs, then writing to the station requesting correspondence courses. Then there are the first missionaries to

the Indians struggling to get their supplies through impassable roads. A church in Brazil is pervaded by the sense of evil until a witch doctor gives in to conviction and yields to Christ. Just one missionary couple lives in the heart of Mexico and witnesses to the students at the University of Mexico. Happy young people gather at the Chateau de St. Albain to hear the glorious Gospel in French. In Hawaii, often thought of as an earthly paradise, little brown, yellow, and white children are learning the way to the Paradise of God. New missionaries are going to Puerto Rico and our first workers are in Germany.

The view through my other windows may be dark and gloomy, but through my WMC window "the prospects are as bright as the promises of God."—*Lucille Smith, Ashland, Ohio*

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER — 1971

AFRICA

- Mrs. J. P. Kliever November 12
B.P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa.
- Rev. Donald F. Miller November 13
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Mr. Gilbert Aellig November 28
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

- Theodore Nelson Fay November 28, 1967
Avda Buenos Aires 247, Almaguete, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL

- Mrs. George K. Wallace November 4
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

- Terry Mark Schwartz November 7, 1964
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.
- Kwang Ja Park November 26
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

MEXICO

- Rev. James P. Dowdy November 1
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924.
- Rev. Phillip Guerena November 29
Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D.F., Mexico.

IN THE UNITED STATES

- Rev. C. B. Sheldon November 8
510 Rose Avenue, Long Beach, California 90812.
- Rev. George E. Cone November 16
205 Sixth Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
- Rev. Hill Maconaghy November 25
1233 S. 56th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143.



"O Master, make me a better parent."

"Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them, and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children and to ask their forgiveness, when I know that I have done them wrong."

"May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule as punishment. Let me not tempt my child to lie and to steal. So guide me hour by hour, that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness."

"Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me to hold my tongue."

"Blind me to the little errors of my children and help me see the good things that they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise."

"Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable, and have the courage always to withhold a privilege which will do them harm."

"Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable to my children, that they have a genuine esteem for me. Fit me to be loved and imitated."

"With all Thy gifts, O Master, give me calm, poise and self-control."

A PARENT'S PRAYER

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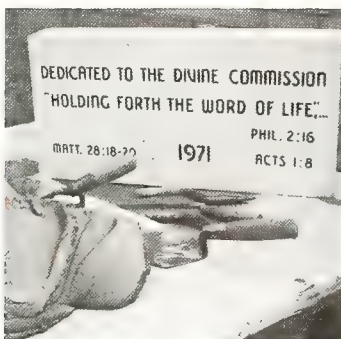
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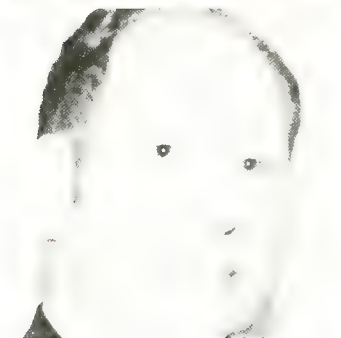


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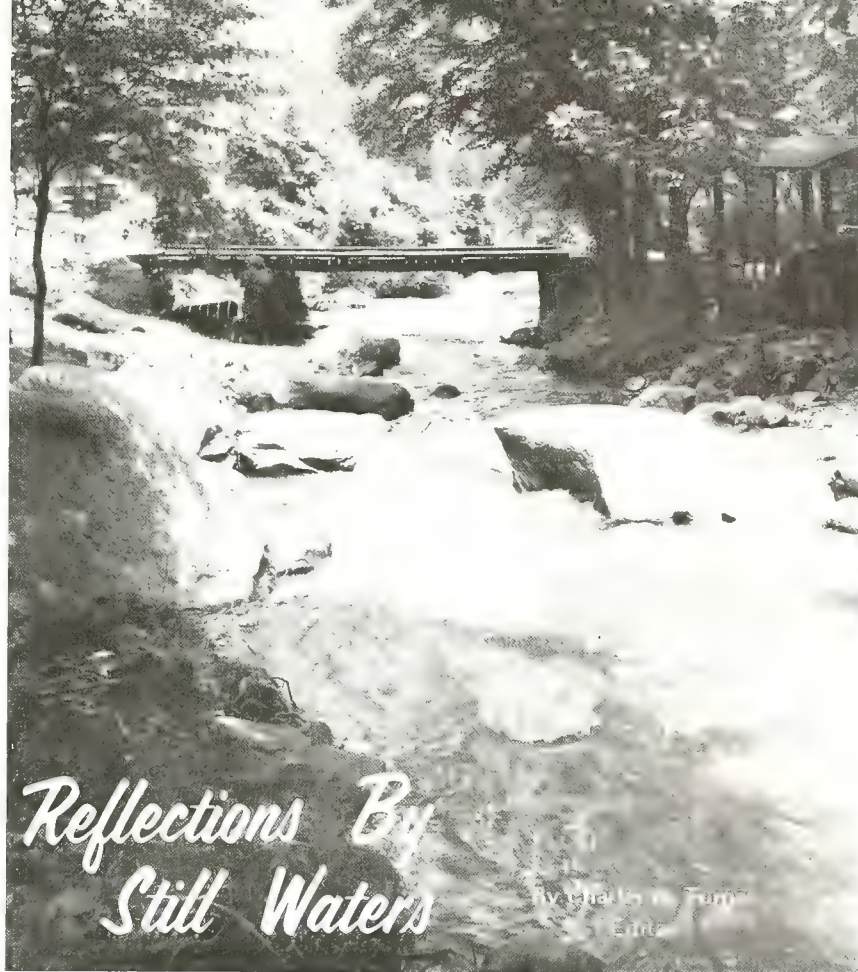
Thoughts on Recognizing God's Hand

This is the day of confusion and the day of deception. It is increasingly difficult to separate the true from the false. There are many strange happenings in the area of the religious and the occult. If there is any degree of sensitivity left in the world, it should feel the impact when mention is made of such things as the presence of devil worship and churches founded and operated by homosexuals. Open defiance of former accepted rules of conduct and practice are commonplace events.

There are also movements among some of the extreme segments of our society composed of those who were formerly associated with the drug culture. Out of this group have come the Jesus People and the Jesus Freaks as they have chosen to be called. National magazines and the TV have picked up their story and are relating their actions and beliefs. The church has mixed feelings about the group as to whether they are on another trip, or are on an emotional binge, or whether it is all a real movement of the hand of God. They have been labeled on one hand as the fulfillment of the prophecies of Joel in chapter 2 verse 28 (cf. Acts 2:17), and on the other hand as outright dangerous to Christianity and not of God.

I spent two days with an individual in Mexico City recently who acted as my guide and helped me to see the city. He is one of the Jesus People. This man and six young people are working together as they seek to witness for Christ among the people in that area. He seems to be Biblically sound, and I believe he has an honest desire to reach a cross section of people that the church is just not reaching.

Discerning the spirits, whether good or bad, has never been an easy achievement. The problem has been present since God created man. Adam and Eve met the first set of problems of listening and evaluating at the time of their first temptation. They failed rather miserably. The Bible is filled with accounts of God's people seeking to understand and evaluate the events that surrounded them. The problem areas are still with us and I believe they will increase as we approach the end of the



age.

I have often expressed a contrablood thought to that of many. I have heard it said by some Christians that they would like to have been living on earth at the time of Jesus Christ. I have no such desire. Why? My reason is based on a fear that I would have been part of the elite religious group of that time. There is no doubt that the Pharisees were the most outstanding group of their time. They were oriented to the teachings of the Scriptures and honestly sought to do what God said. They had picked up a lot of tradition besides Scripture, but don't be too critical till we take an honest look at how much we do with the assumption that it is God ordered in the Bible as to method. You see, the Pharisees' real problem was that although they were the leaders of the best wing of belief of their time, they did make one rather serious mistake. They missed the movement of the hand of God and rejected the Son of God—the most grievous error that can be made. Thus my fear . . . and the thankfulness that I was not there.

I feel more comfortable on this side of the full revelation of God in the

Bible. Now I can sit down and read and study and base my faith on a completed revelation as a guideline. But to live in an era when the Bible is complete does not remove the problems, for we must continually apply this truth to everyday situations. The Bible can and must be used to discern the spirits of our time and to determine that which does not apply to the truth—is not of God. Remember, there is no guarantee that we will apply it correctly. Therefore, here is where we need the help of the Holy Spirit. The very fact that there is disagreement on many Biblical truths reminds us of the problem of proper application and interpretation.

Does this leave you a little ill at ease? It should. God is very much at work today in this world of ours. Where and with whom is the question. There is a real stirring going on, and many Christians are more optimistic than they have been in years. How desperate is the need of knowing where He is, what He is doing, and with whom He is working. It won't always be easy, but I know He does not want to keep His children in the dark.



Question...

Rev. Lester E. Pifer
Brethren Home Missions
Winona Lake, Indiana

Dear Brother Pifer:

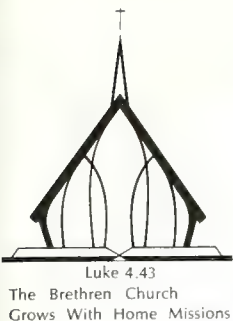
We have known for some time your special interest in our spiritual welfare. Three weeks ago we made our decisions for Christ and want now to grow in our newly found faith. We desire so very much to be involved in helping to reach others in our country for Christ.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for us. We really would like to know how a young couple can be used in home missions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Gene and Mary
Grace Brethren Church

...Answer



THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC.

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Lester E. Pifer, Executive Secretary

Dear Jim and Mary,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Your letter has just reached my desk bringing the good news of your decisions for Christ and your desire for a greater involvement in Brethren Home Missions. I know of no words that cheer our hearts any more than to know that a fine young couple like you have now entered into a joyous relationship with our dear Lord. We are "... confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

I would strongly suggest that you make an appointment with your pastor and inform him of your desires for growth in the Christian life and of your keen interest in home missions. We believe that the work of building the local church is of top priority with our Lord (read Matt. 16:18). Any successful missionary venture must begin with the local church. Note the position of Paul and Barnabas: "... in the church ... the Holy Ghost said, Separate [them] ... for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:1-2). Local church participation, activity and faithfulness places you in an excellent place for the direction of the Holy Spirit into missionary service.

There is much to be done in our home-church communities in sharing our faith with people. Visitation, personal witnessing, soul-winning, teaching, serving on missionary committees, prayer and missionary giving are just a few of the vital facets of local church missionary involvement. Do not minimize missionary enthusiasm, testimony and missionary prayer sessions with the various groups and organizations of the home church. An enthusiastic supporter for home missions can do much to stimulate the interest of others.

Should the Lord lead you toward a more specific interest in a given field or area of labor, remember that the need for song leaders, teachers, personal workers, mechanics, nurses are needed constantly in our home-mission family of mission points. New churches, such as we have at Lincoln, Nebraska; Longview, Texas; Hemet, California, need energetic workers now as we seek to get them firmly established.

We have established a goal to see Brethren churches in every state in our beloved U.S.A. The Lord may just have in mind using you and your home (as you may be transferred to another place) as a location for the prayer and Bible study group to become the nucleus for a new Brethren testimony. What a thrilling thing to be a spiritual migrant in God's great program of evangelization.

The directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council have just finished their annual meeting. They left Winona Lake weary after much prayerful deliberation, but they were thrilled at what God had done. New fields are beckoning, a new financial goal of \$500,000 has been set for the 1971-72 offering period, and a renewed effort will be made to see more of our present mission points go self-supporting. We want to see each mission point grow numerically and financially, to see them become stronger in the faith and to see an increased passion concerning the lost, both at home and abroad.

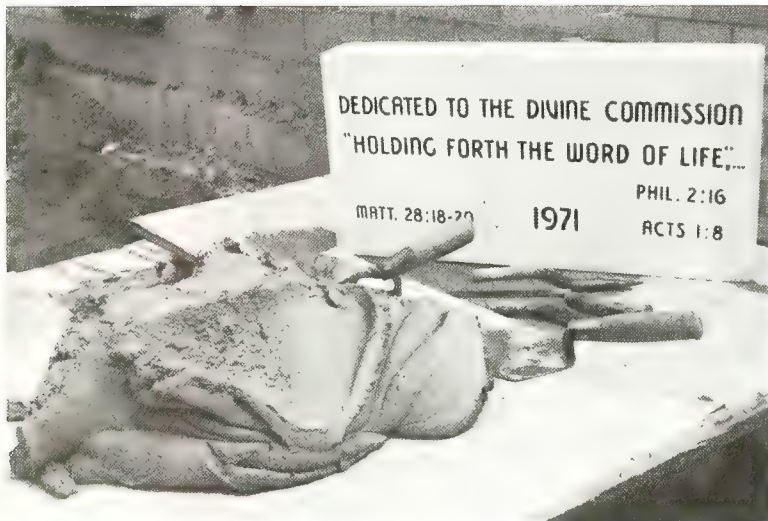
It would be most gratifying to us, and pleasing to the Lord I am sure, if we could be assured of your constant prayer support and enthusiasm in sharing this great home-mission burden at this time. We trust that you will make every effort to become a regular financial supporter of The Brethren Home Missions Council and become an active member of our corporation.

If the Lord should lead you to yield your lives to the ministry and direct toward further preparation and training, I shall be most happy to counsel in any way I can. The need for qualified home missionaries for every phase of this work is ever before us.

What a joy it has been to hear from you. My prayer for you is found in two precious verses of Scripture. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). May God bless you richly.

Yours in His matchless grace,

CORNERSTONE Laid



Stormy skies prevailed on Home Missions Day at national conference, but the laying of the cornerstone for the new Missions Building helped brighten the day.

By Sherwood Durkee

Threatening stormy skies could not dim the joy and blessing of grateful Brethren who gathered at 1401 King's Highway for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Brethren Missions Building.

Amid the rigid schedule of Home Missions Day at national conference, the staff members and friends of The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church rejoiced in heart as sturdy hands placed the cornerstone in its appointed spot.

Dr. John Whitcomb, newly elected president of the Foreign Missionary Society, spoke with expertise concerning the inscribed words of the cornerstone—"Dedicated to the Divine Commission 'Holding forth the word of life' (Phil. 2:16)." The speaker reminded the hearers of the primary necessity of remaining faithful to the Biblical

mandate found in Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Amen."

During days of overwhelming theological turmoil we can thank God for the admonition of Dr. Whitcomb as he stated that if any other gospel be presented by the organizations housed herein that God should deal judicially to stop forever their functions.

Just as the main speaker concluded, there was heard the ominous sound of thunder in threatening overcast. Rev. Richard DeArmey, newly elected president of the Board of Directors of Brethren Home Missions, remarked quizzically, "We seem to be getting a message from 'above' that we ought to conclude the service immediately." Within minutes the rain did fall, but

Brethren from across the country were able to attend the cornerstone service.



Mr. Donald Sellers and Mr. Wilmer Witt, members of the construction crew, cement the cornerstone in place.





An artist's conception of the new Missions Building.

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providentially enough time had elapsed to care for all of the program.

The new Missions Building was designed and working drawings completed by the Brethren Architectural Services. Rev. Ralph Hall, professional engineer, heads this department which will be one of the occupants of the new building. The Brethren Investment Foundation is another of the tenants sharing in these expanded facilities. The entire building includes approximately 14,500 square feet and is situated on four acres of ground adjacent to Grace campus.

The ever-expanding missions program of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has given credence to the need of additional administrative space. The Brethren Church recognizes that the field is the world and that the spiritually lost must be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These new facilities will serve vitally to keep pace with the changing world in which we live. Cooperative ventures in the audio-visual and photography areas will enhance the program of informing Brethren people of the great challenges before us month by month.

The financing of this building has been made possible largely by the annuities and trust agreements by individuals throughout the Brethren Church. If you know of anyone who would like to have a part in this missionary program, please let us know immediately.

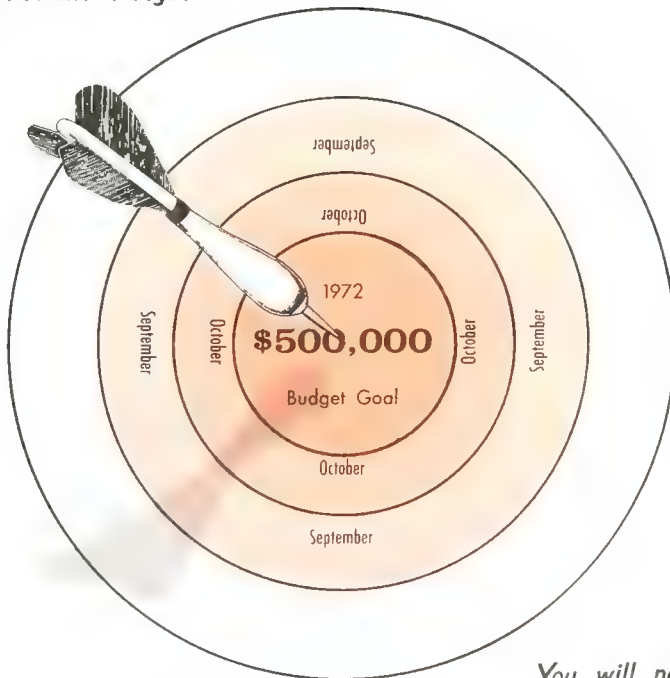
Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, has expressed over and

over again the need of such a building. During the cornerstone-laying program, he related how God had answered prayer with regards to large savings in building materials, time and labor which will make possible the completion of this building by May

1972.

The words from the Bible, "Holding forth the word of life," are not only etched in the granite cornerstone but indelibly stamped on the heart of all Brethren people interested in missions.

***Set your goal
to be on target
for a record Home
Missions budget!***



***You will need
to aim a little
higher this year!***

NO GOD!

By John S. Neely

Hosea the Prophet, eight centuries before the Incarnation, wrote as he was moved by the Holy Spirit that Israel in this present time would be "without a king . . . without a prince . . . without a sacrifice . . . and without an image"—no priest nor temple (read Hosea 3:4). Recently Sally and I met a Jewish man who added to this list, "no God!"

His name was David. He was a genial and articulate man who looked at us without any indication of one who thought he was a super-intellectual. Neither did he have the proverbial "chip," inviting us to knock it off his shoulder. It was a simple statement that revealed he regarded himself as an atheist.

When someone, Jew or Gentile, informs me that he does not believe in the existence of God, I go into momentary shock. However, I soon recover. I can recall a brief time in my teenage years when I had said, "No God!" It was David, this middle-aged, self-avowed atheist, who brought me out of this initial shock when he continued, "I used to believe in God but no more." "Ah," I thought, "God is

going to be blamed for something." I prepared myself with a prayer heavenward, "Lord, give me the answers."

David was one Jewish man I could not refer to Deuteronomy 18:15: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken," which passage points to Christ, the Greater Prophet; because this man, David, had such a low concept of Moses. He remarked that Israel's exodus had already started when Moses appeared on the scene. Then he gave me this electrifying piece of "misinformation," "Moses was just a figurehead"—shades of Korah, Dathan and Abiram!

I made every effort to get him back to the reality of God in order to determine what had caused his atheism. He gave me the standard reason, "How could there be a God—if there was a God, He would not allow the wars, the crime, the killing!" This is the same old dirge!

I tackled the situation from the argument of design, attempting to take him out into space to point out the harmony, the symmetry in God's creation. From space I brought him back to the miracle of the human body. Then I asked him to observe the automobile parked in front of his home, inquiring of him as to how it got that way, and why it had its particular design. What I was trying to do was to have him admit that everything


made must have a maker, and every design had to have a designer. He retorted, "Don't tell me you believe God made that [car]!" At this I almost exploded, "Oy, oy," but kept my composure. He then tried to "enlighten" me by giving me the much asserted philosophy going its rounds today, "God did not make man; man made God!"

I switched the subject to the Tenach (Old Testament). David said these were the works of men who had written at a later date the traditions which had been handed down orally for centuries. I thought it hopeless to tell him that he was probably confusing the Tenach with the Talmud. He continued by saying that the people were not educated in Moses' day to read and write. Sally reminded him that Moses was a highly educated man. Again his demeaning attitude toward Moses was displayed when he answered her, "For his time—yes; but the average high school kid today is better educated."

Although he had a disparaging view of Moses, David's attitude toward Christ was far different. He called our Lord a revolutionary for righteousness, and observed that if Jesus had lived today, He would be crucified as a Communist. I have been trying to analyze that statement ever since to get an answer, especially because he followed it with, "He was the most righteous man that ever lived. He

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YES, GOD!

By G. Forrest Jackson, pastor
First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

Since the beginning of creation till the present hour, God has been in the business of completing every program He has started. Throughout the pages of the Old Testament His dealings with the nation Israel are thrilling to behold. From the time when Abram was first called a Hebrew to the establishment of a great nation in complete fulfillment of the promises of God, God has continually been working His plan to bring to pass salvation for all men. When all hope seemed to be gone that a Messiah would ever be born, God sent His only begotten Son as the complete fulfillment of all of the promises of old which foretold such an event. Even though He was rejected by His own people, this did not cause His mission to be aborted, but rather, made it possible that men everywhere might be saved. In this day of grace, God is still at work completing His plans and it is marvelous for us to see the completion of these plans before our very eyes.

On January 27, 1929, a son was born into an Orthodox Jewish home in Dayton, Ohio. As was their custom, the parents were very careful to follow every Jewish ceremony. On the eighth day, it was their privilege to take their newborn son to the synagogue where he was named Jaakov Josef Lefkovitz in the Bris ceremony. During the years that followed, this boy was thoroughly trained in all the ways of Judaism. He went to Hebrew schools and carefully

observed the Jewish holy days in order that he might find favor with Jehovah God. Following his college education, it was his responsibility for five years to teach American Jewish History in the synagogue. He was also chosen as the Director of Youth for the Central Region of the United Synagogues, which governs Jewish young people from the Conservative branch of Judaism.


As time passed, Joe's interest turned to romance. God's plan that he might find his Messiah was beginning to unfold as he married a Gentile girl from Clayhole, Kentucky. Oh yes, that name rings true to Brethren people. For in that area of Kentucky, The Brethren Home Missions Council has maintained a work for many years. Mary Allen had been reared in this mission church where she accepted Christ as her Saviour. As she had come to Dayton seeking employment and adventure, she had wandered far from the Lord. As their courtship flourished, Joe determined that he could be used to bring this family to acknowledge his God. On September 23, 1964, they were united in marriage, but not in faith. Strange things were happening in the Allen family as one by one the family began to live for Christ in response to the prayers of a faithful mother. Joe didn't understand what was happening, but he recognized that this was something vital in their lives.

On special occasions, Joe would accompany Mary and their two daughters as they attended the Dayton First Brethren Church; yet all the time he was careful to observe the ways of Judaism.

On the third of May, 1971, Joe returned home from his position with the city of Dayton to announce to his wife that he had lost his job. Her im-



Jaakov Josef Lefkovitz and family

mediate response of "Praise the Lord," completely startled him. As they talked about the situation they had only one way to turn—they sought guidance from the Lord. Shortly after this, the telephone rang in Pastor Jackson's home as Joe poured out the needs of his heart. During the weeks that followed, God did a marvelous work of grace in the life of this man. Many precious hours were spent week after week answering questions and giving guidance to this babe in Christ. With Christian growth evident, a most important step was yet ahead: Christian baptism. With reservation, yet with determination and confidence in Jesus Christ as his Messiah, he gave witness of his faith on May 30 in the waters of Christian baptism and became a member of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. This will be a memorial day which will long be remembered by Brethren in Dayton, for they have witnessed the plan of God in bringing to pass a completed Jew. 


NO GOD (Continued)

could have done more by His preaching than by His death." You must admit by now that we face different problems with our various Jewish contacts. What had he said?—that Christ was a righteous revolutionary who would have been labeled a present day Communist, and who could have done more by preaching and living than by dying.

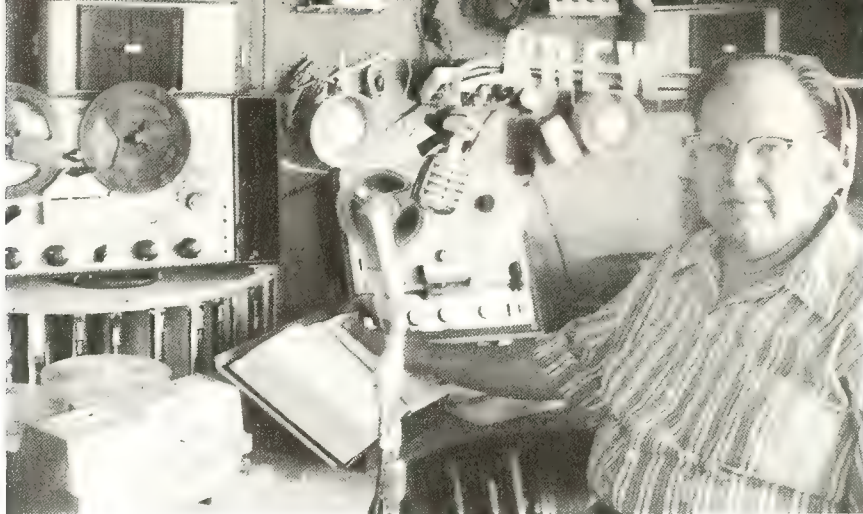
The only way we could conclude this conversation with David was to

agree that Christ was the most righteous man who ever lived because He was the Son of Righteousness, very God. If by "revolutionary" he had meant Christ could change things, that was true for Christ changes the hearts of men. I finished my witness to David by saying Christ could not have fulfilled the Divine purpose if He had just come to preach and live righteously—God's will and plan could only be fulfilled in His becoming the sacrifice upon the altar so that His blood could be made an atonement for the soul,

and thus bring sinful man back to the Holy God, whom he, David, said did not even exist.

As we parted, David took our literature and said he would read it. What can we do for him now? We can pray that God the Holy Spirit will reveal to him the reality of Christ Jesus as Saviour and his living Lord and God! Then David, the self-avowed atheist, would be changed, and instead of saying, "No God," would say as Thomas of old, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28)! 

Most of the letters received at radio station KREW in Toppenish, Washington, make one request . . .



Pastor Horney prepares for a broadcast.

Please Send a Bible...

Rev. Sam I. Horney, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Washington, writes: "For sometime I have been intending to send you translations of letters that I have received from our Spanish program 'La Biblia Abierta' [The Open Bible] broadcast over Station KREW." We received a number of these translated letters from Pastor Horney in the BHMC office and we think you would be interested in them.

The letters come from a wide area of the Yakima Valley of Washington, and even over into Oregon. Bibles, provided by the WMC, are offered to the listeners, and are sent to those requesting them, providing they promise to read them. The letters average two to three per week.

The following letters and excerpts give an idea of the need and ministry of the broadcasts:

Dear Brother Horney:

I received the Bible that you send me and I felt so content and happy in my heart that I have a Bible. I want to thank you so much. Praise the Lord for His great love and mercy, Brother.

Would you please do me the favor and send me a copy of the hymn that says, "I am just a wayward lamb" that you sing on your radio program on Mondays.

May the Lord bless you. Pray for us, me and my husband and especially for our son that is not with us. Please excuse my mistakes as I do not write very well, but I hope that you can understand what I have written in this letter . . .

Pray much for my son that I have in Germany, he needs salvation.

Mrs. R. M.,
Wapato, Wash.

Dear Brother Horney:

I am writing to you to tell you that my wife and I listen every Monday night to your program and we like it very much. We love to read the Bible very much, and if it is not too much trouble, please send us one in Spanish. We shall be very grateful.

Mr. F. V.,
Toppenish, Wash.

The Open Bible:

I listen very carefully on the radio and hear that you offer a Bible to anyone who needs one. I would be very grateful if you would send me one in English, because it is for my daughter and she reads better in English than in Spanish.

I am waiting to hear from you.

Mrs. V. D.,
Mabton, Wash.

The Open Bible

every monday for more than a year we are listening to the program and it has been a great blessing to me and all my family.

Brother we would like to have 3 Bibles for use in our home.

Sincerely,
Mr. P. O.,
Sunnyside, Wash.

Dear Brother:

I listen to your program and I am very grateful for it. I am one of those of the religion and the hymns that you play please me much.

Would you please do me the favor and send some devotional books in Spanish. Would you please tell me where I can buy Gospel records in Spanish. Please tell me how much they cost.

I think that this is all for now. Greetings on the part of my wife and mine to you. I am praying for you.

Sincerely,
T. & M. V.,
Toppenish, Wash.

Dear Reverren,

I am sending for your Bible, but i would like it in English, i do listen to your program on the radio, but i can't read Spanish, i know how to speak it, but i can't read it. so if you would do me the favor in sending me my Bible and what it cost's i could send you the money, or if you like me to send the money first just write back and tell me, but i would very much like to have a Bible of my very own.

Thank you, and may the lord bless you always,

Mrs. M. S.,
Toppenish, Wash.

Dear Brother Horney:

I listen to your program on the radio and I wish for you to send me a Bible to read. I do not have one and I have a real desire to read the Holy Scriptures.

A radio listener,
Mrs. M. D.,
Prosser, Wash.

Brother Pastor:

Every Monday night I listen to your program. I am so happy to hear the Word of God.

Would you please send me a Spanish Bible to my home?

Mrs. I. A.,
Sunnyside, Wash.

Esteemed Reverend:

I am writing these few lines to let you know that each Monday night I listen to your good, sweet preaching. I am happy to hear the messages.

I need a Bible with big letters as I cannot see small letters. My glasses do not help me and I cannot change them. I would be very grateful if you would send me a Bible with big letters, please, and I give you thanks.

Mrs. D. V.,
Mabton, Wash.

Church News

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Herbert Bess is praising the Lord for the manifestations of His loving care and is thankful for the prayers of the saints in his behalf at the time of his coronary which occurred in France. The Besses returned to the States on Sept. 15, and Dr. Bess is now recuperating at home—1904 Park Ave., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.



Mr. Elmer B. Sachs

DENVER, COLO. CO-EQUAL CREATION EDUCATION! According to Elmer B. Sachs it is time for parents to be alive and alert to the possibilities which are at their door in regard to the teaching of science in the schools. Mr. Sachs is pleading for a petition to be sent to the State of Colorado requesting academic freedom of choice in all schools on the subject of Biblical creation or evolution. This petition would request the U. S. Supreme Court to declare that all schools and tax supported institutions of learning must either teach both the Biblical record of creation and the evolutionary theory of creation on equal time or exclude them both equally. The prayers and support of the Fellowship are needed in this endeavor. If those living in Colorado desire more information on this vital issue you may contact Mr. Sachs by writing to him in care of Bible Creation Science Commission, Box 5601, Denver, Colo. 80217. (Editor's note: Refer to Dr. Hoyt's article on page 16 of this issue for more information on the subject of science as taught in our schools.)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS FLASHES—

... A crowd of 1,450 packed the Auditorium at the Sunday morning worship service—the overflow crowd of over 250 joined the Winona Lake Bible conference session at the Billy Sunday Tabernacle.

... An estimated 3,250 Brethren and visitors attended the Great Americanism Rally on Sunday evening at the Tabernacle.

... A record enrollment of 450 young people gathered on Grace College campus for the opening of the Brethren Youth Conference.

... The NFGBM had an average attendance of 150 for their morning sessions and the total offering of \$1,212 for the week topped the goal.

... Dr. W. A. Ogden was honored on Tuesday evening as he was presented with a plaque commemorating his 26 years of faithful service on the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society.

... Pastor and Mrs. James Dixon celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 14. Pastor Dixon preached his first sermon on the Sunday following their wedding.

... The College Bookstore set a new sales record for national conference week. (Your patronage was appreciated, thank you.)

... The 1973 national conference will be held at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa. In 1976, California is slated to be host to the NFBC.

WAYNESBORO, PA. It is with nostalgia, sprinkled with a touch of sadness, that the Waynesboro Brethren watch the demolition of their church building—a building that was erected by the then tiny congregation in 1912. The cornerstone of the old building contained a Bible with this paragraph inscribed: "The Bible is placed in this cornerstone as an evidence of our unqualified acceptance of God's Word as our only rule of faith and practice—and of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the only Saviour of men." It is with joy that we realize the passing of the 59 years has not changed this fundamental stand for the truth. As plans continue for the erection of a new sanctuary where the Gospel will continue to be heralded forth as in the past, truly our hearts are praising the Lord for His blessings to us. Services are now being conducted in the educational building. Wendell Kent, pastor.



The Kennedys receive a plaque

NORTH CANTON, OHIO. A surprise 25th Wedding Anniversary reception was hosted by the Grace Brethren Church in honor of Pastor and Mrs. James Kennedy. A special program was enjoyed including the presentation of a beautiful plaque commemorating the occasion, as well as a gift of \$150 for the Kennedys. Refreshments brought the happy time to a conclusion. James Kennedy, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Waynesboro, Pa.	Sept. 27-Oct. 3	Wendell Kent	Andrew Telford
Fort Wayne, Ind.			
(Grace)	Oct. 3-8	Quentin Matthes	Allen Herr
Philadelphia, Pa.			
(First)	Oct. 3-8	Vernon Harris	Nathan Meyer
Englewood, Ohio	Oct. 3-10	Gerald Polman	Charles Turner

1971 SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS

Church	Pastor	Superintendent
Div. A — Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	Robert Collitt	Don Kendall
Div. B — Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Robert Malone
Div. C — Lancaster, Pa.	Arthur Malles	Dane Rapp
Div. D — Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	Robert Combs	H. Odell Minnix
Div. E — Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)	Joe Coppinger	Leon Shaeffer
Div. F — Grandview, Wash.	William Shelby	Fred Harris
Div. G — Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
Div. H — Sinking Spring, Ohio	J. Paul Reno	Jack Puckett
Div. I — West Covina, Calif.	Roy Roberts	Robert Wallen
Div. J — Galion, Ohio	Maynard Tittle	Jim Botdorf

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD

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A 33-1/3 RPM Stereo Record presenting echoes of the 1971 National Conference Youth Night Program will soon be released. You may order your copy for \$4.00 postpaid from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana.

COVINGTON, VA. The congregation here is ready to extend a warm welcome to the Samuel Baer family as they arrive on Oct. 17. Sam and Betty will serve as youth directors, encouraging and counseling with the youth in our church and in this area. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Pastor and Mrs. George Ritchey are happy as they have accepted a unanimous call to again work with the people of this congregation. Their home has been in Duncansville, Pa., since leaving Camden last year. The new address for the Ritcheys is—189 N. Second St., Camden, Ohio 45311. Please change *Annual*.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Linda Myers and Ronald Blunk, July 23, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Wreatha Charlene Woodring and Calvin A. Wageley, Jr., July 31, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

YAKIMA, WASH. Youth on dress . . . The deacon board recently asked the young people to rephrase in their own words the official board's desire concerning appropriate dress for worship services. The following is what they came up with—"Please leave your sports clothes at home when attending church. Church is a dress-up occasion." Signed: Jr. and Sr. BYF.

COLBY, KANS. Wanted! . . . Help to establish a Brethren church in Colby. Experience not necessary . . . country living with city advantages. Workers are needed in the vineyard. For information write to James Berg, R. R. 2, Box 78A, Colby, Kans. 67701.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. The Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach has transferred from the Southeast District to the Mid-Atlantic District. This transfer was made at the request of the church with the unanimous approval of both districts. Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. Bruce Baker, Northern Frontier, North River, N.Y. 12856. Rev. Gerald L. Kelley, 2023 State St., N.E., North Canton, Ohio 44721. Rev. Ralph Miller, 909 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa 50316. Rev. Gerald Root, First Brethren Church, Spring at Pearl St., Covington, Ohio 45318. Please change *Annual*.



The Grace Brethren Village retirement home

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO. GRACE BRETHREN VILLAGE, a retirement home (pictured above) for Brethren people sponsored by the Southern Ohio District, opened its doors for occupancy Aug. 1. These lovely facilities will accommodate 50 residents with all that is needed for wonderful retirement living. You are invited to visit the spacious home and surroundings at 1010 Taywood Rd., Englewood, Ohio, just north of Dayton. Information brochures concerning the village are available by writing to the above address.

(Editor's note: Miss Lila Sheely is now completing her language study in Europe and will soon go to Africa as a missionary. At the time of her acceptance for missionary service she received a letter from her mother which she has graciously given us permission to share. We trust it will be a blessing to you and that it will help Christian parents to see the joy of lending their children to the Lord for service.—CWT)

My Dear Daughter,

We received your letter announcing your final acceptance by your mission board.

This afternoon I prayed.

This evening I reminisced. How does a mother answer such a letter, I pondered.

I've been remembering so many things about you. My mind even went back to the doctor's cry, "It's a girl!" "Yes, and the prettiest baby I ever saw," declared your nurse.

And you were a good baby. Early you showed a desire to be independent though . . . like the day we glanced out the window to see you toddling up the center of Route 8; or, the morning you slipped out before anyone else was up and strode right out into the fresh snow barefoot; or, that almost dark evening your dad was puzzling over "something" moving about in the tall hay . . . your guess is right, it was you. He watched you saunter slowly, as if in deep thought, across the field toward the house in the dusk.

I remember toys, especially a nurse's satchel. How earnestly you played with that kit. How all of us had to endure many kinds of shots!

I remember your love of Sunday school and the day you came home deeply impressed and confided that you were going to be a "missionary." Somehow the nurse's kit all tied-in then. Already I felt God may have just such a special place for you, nurse-missionary. Of course, I've always kept this submitted to Him. I consecrated you to God even before you joined our family. I trust I shall always be able to keep this consecration.

Your interest in church remained steadfast and grew with you. I remember the song "At Calvary" your trio sang. I glanced about. I was certainly not the only one weeping that morning. Then, while living in Ohio, I remember you cried, heartbroken, because the car was unrepairable, and the last minute we found we could not attend the morning service.

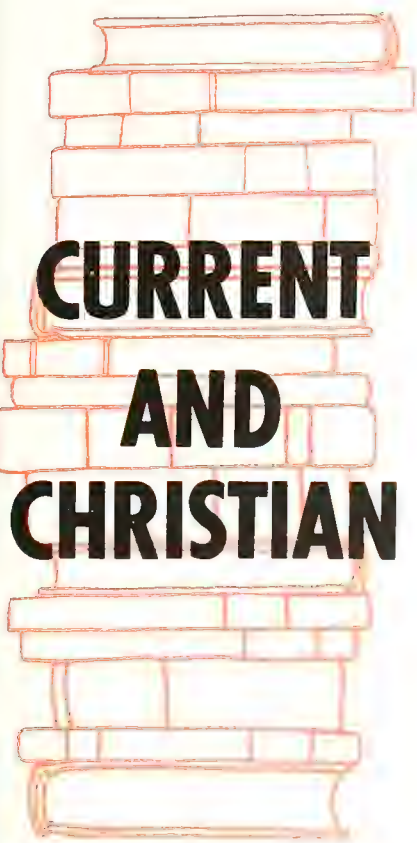
Thankfully, I acknowledge God's goodness while leading you in this direction; I thank Him for carefully providing for our family and for you. How many times you must have wished for things "like the other girls." How many needs you must have experienced in nurses' school and college! Yet, how good God was. We regret we were not able to help more financially, but with His help, you've made it. Thank the Lord.

So . . . what does a mother reply to such a letter? Not congratulations. Somehow that seems to detract from God's answered prayers, His manifold blessings, and from the unfolding of His divine purpose for your life. Instead, let us together raise our hearts to Him in deep thanksgiving that He has called you, prepared you, and that you have accepted His Great Commission. Now together let us trust Him for courage, grace, health, and a heart overflowing with love. Let us trust Him for the many as yet unforeseen needs, that you may fulfill your task in utmost faithfulness.

May God richly bless and keep you.

Remember you have my prayers always.

Love, Mom



itself in the Christian realm. A new study guide of 32 pages is now being released. The success of the book is found in the communicative style used in dealing with Old and New Testament prophecies. If you haven't read it, you are out of step in Christian reading. It has been at the top of the best seller list for months.

... In the area of the Bible, 1971 is a red-letter year for more translations and paraphrases. Two worthy of note are: the *New American Standard Version*, Creation House, \$10.95, which has been billed as—"THE VERSION YOU CAN BELIEVE IN." It is finding wide acceptance in conservative circles, and the predictions are that it will become even more popular. This volume is more than a revision of the 1901 version. *The Living Bible*, Tyndale House, \$9.95, is the appearance of the entire Bible by Kenneth Taylor. It is a readable paraphrase, but do keep in mind it is a paraphrase. This edition will gain wide acceptance among the young people, but many of its greatest fans will be the older people as well. Several other versions and editions will be out before the year is over. *King James II* and *The Jerusalem Bible* are on the way, and behind them will march legions more of attempts to put the Bible in the language of the people. Some will be good, others will miss the mark completely.

... Coming up in November will be a new book by Dr. John Davis—*Moses and the Gods of Egypt* published jointly by the Brethren Missionary Herald

Co. and Baker Books. Paper \$3.50 and cloth \$4.50. Dr. Davis of Grace Schools is making an excellent contribution in the area of Old Testament writing.

... If rock music bothers you, as it does so many of us, try *Rock and the Church* by Bob Larson, Creation House, \$1.95. There are no punches pulled here.

... Are you acquainted with Herbert W. Armstrong and "Plain Truth"? His broadcast over 359 radio stations and wide correspondence courses have attracted the attention of many. One such person is Charles F. DeLoach who has written *The Armstrong Error*, Logos, \$.95. Mr. DeLoach points out the errors of Armstrong's teachings.

... The Jesus People are getting a lot of attention these days. Opinions vary regarding them, but David Wilkerson has written a book entitled, *Jesus Person Maturity Manual*, Gospel Light, \$1.50. This Regal Book will get a lot of attention before many months have passed. Mr. Wilkerson gives some good advice as to what the Christian life is all about. His writings do more than sit back and try to figure out what is going on in one wing of our culture—they point out the direction to be followed.

... One last thought for the serious Bible student is *The Training of the Twelve* by A. B. Bruce, Kregel Publications, \$6.95.

Meander again with me soon through the fascinating field of current Christian writings. Hope you enjoyed the walk.—CWT

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Solomon the wise man once said, "of making many books there is no end" (Eccles. 12:12). As editor I have been brought into close contact with the flood of new books coming to market. In doing a review column, I find that we can touch on just a limited number of them. Some days I find as many as five new books on my desk. Neither the time nor the physical resources are available to read them all, but I do feel it is a privilege to have some contact and acquaintance with each book. I may not become a personal friend of each, but I enjoy the opportunity of seeing every new face and at least of having a passing acquaintance. From time to time I would like to do a little mental meandering and share with you what is happening in the Current and Christian field. Want to take a walk?

... Every so often I meet someone who is not acquainted with *The Late Great Planet Earth* by Hal Lindsay, Zondervan, \$1.95. After ten months the printing has now passed 500,000—which places it in a class by

"You have the distinct legal and grave responsibility to be truthful, honest, and fulfill your responsibility by presenting students with the fact that evolution is unproved and impossible, as admitted by top scientists, or by eliminating the presentation of spontaneous evolution entirely from all the various textbooks . . ."

—THE TEXAS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Gleam of Light for Genesis Creation

With the rising tide of liberalism sweeping across the educational horizon, it is indeed encouraging to catch a gleam of light piercing the gloom of the night, this gleam of light being an effort to provide on a high intellectual level a textbook that presents the creation viewpoint for the origin of the entire universe. The Creation-Science Research Center, under the directorship of Dr. Henry M. Morris and based in San Diego, California, has taken this as one of its projects. The technical advisory board of this organization is made up of a number of distinguished scientists who are committed to the creation account in the Book of Genesis. One of these men is Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., director of Postgraduate Studies at Grace Theological Seminary, and professor of Christian Theology and Old Testament.

In the area of science-teaching materials there has been nothing to put into the hands of high school students, or even college students (to say nothing about the elementary grades), that would put in perspective the integrating framework of special creation as set forth in the Bible, as over against the theory of naturalistic evolution. Supplementary materials mark the first stage of this endeavor rather than actual textbooks for the elementary grades. May 1971, was set as the deadline for the first publications. The pressure to meet this deadline grew

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

out of the fact that June 1971, was the date when the California State Board of Education would be adopting textbooks and materials which will be in use for the next eight years. Since that board made a decision in November of 1969, to require the teaching of creation and evolution on essentially an equal basis in all future classes and in text materials for the public schools, the Creation-Science Research Center is buying up this opportunity to provide Biblically oriented materials.

It is encouraging to know that other states have joined California in this effort to give young people a balanced presentation on views relating to origins. In Ohio the Columbus Board of Education adopted a resolution in March of 1971, encouraging teachers to offer "all major theories of the origin of life, including those of creation and evolution, that these be stressed as theories and not as established facts, and that they be accorded proper treatment in time emphasis and attitude to protect the rights of all students."

The Texas Board of Education has also let its voice be heard: "You may ridicule the concept of water running uphill, yet you have been forcing students to accept the far more fan-

tastic idea that the universal, natural laws of thermodynamics reverse themselves to accommodate evolution and only for the black magic of evolution by random action.

"You have the distinct legal and grave responsibility to be truthful, honest, and fulfill your responsibility by presenting students with the fact that evolution is unproved and impossible, as admitted by top scientists, or by eliminating the presentation of spontaneous evolution entirely from all the various textbooks for undergraduate schools as it was in this country some forty years ago."

From the superintendent of the Department of Education, Orange County, California, comes this timely word: "Since science should always consider all the facts in any situation under study, and since this text provides a point of view which is usually overlooked by scientists, I would heartily commend its use by qualified teachers in American Schools." This makes reference to a textbook on biology recently issued by the Creation Research Society.

The communications media of our land has made every American conscious of the amendment to the Constitution for the purpose of preserving religious liberty. As this pertains to public schools, far reaching decisions have been made by the Supreme Court excluding prayers, Bible reading, and any sort of sectarian indoctrination.



But perhaps it never occurred to the rank and file of the people that the devil has a religion that very subtly insinuates itself into the teaching process and has within recent years been given free rein. Evolution is the doctrine of that religion. It is more than encouraging to discover that there are some who recognize this and are declaring themselves. That is the sense of the following paragraph:

"What we are pleading for is a balanced presentation in our schools, with a full disclosure of the evidence,

regardless of which theory it favors. The dogmatic fashion in which evolution is usually taught in our schools and universities amounts to indoctrination and is as much the teaching of religion as if the theory of origins were restricted to the Book of Genesis."

A scientific textbook based upon the revelation of God as recorded in the Book of Genesis is certainly in order. As one believing scientist put it: "No one knows from observation how life began, therefore one must come up with a reasoned interpretation. We

reason that the evolution model does not fit the data as well as the creation model. Scientists are admitting that immense gaps exist in the evolutionary scale, such as the missing link between birds and reptiles. We're saying that as far as young minors in the United States are concerned, academic freedom can be served if we tell them we only know that the facts of variation are in closest agreement with what we read in Genesis."

The Bible declares in one of its predictive passages that there would be a time when men will "turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:4). The word "fables" is more literally the word "myth." A myth is a story for the purpose of explaining something. That story could be true or false. But in the Bible the word "myth" is always used for a story that is false. It is our contention that this is precisely what the evolutionary theory is. It is a story for explaining origins. It is so cleverly put together that it deceives most people and is calculated to get rid of the fall of man, the necessity for redemption, and the divine miracle of incarnation and atonement accomplished by Christ.

Now that we see a little movement being made in the direction for providing equal opportunity for the presentation of the Genesis account of creation, we ought to rejoice and thank God that there is a group of scientists who are attempting to provide the scientific materials within a Biblical framework for young people. And financial aid ought to be forthcoming to help promote this project.

Church Music Workshop Held on Grace Campus

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing . . ."

This was exactly what was happening on the Grace College campus the week of August 2-6. It was a church music workshop aimed at the lay musician in developing the music program in the home church.

Directing the workshop was Professor Donald E. Ogden, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Grace College. He is also minister of music at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Assisting him were several faculty members and Robert and Nancy Messner of Pontiac, Michigan. Mr. Messner specializes in graded choirs and Mrs. Messner in teaching systematic hymn playing. The students put their newly acquired knowledge to use by participating in



Those involved in the music program of local churches attended the workshop for instruction and ideas.

the evening conference sessions at Winona Lake.

The response was good. Music directors, choir members, and instrumentalists came from Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana to attend the workshop.

The idea for the workshop developed from the Rodeheaver's School of Music which had been held at Winona Lake for forty-nine years. Last year, however, they were unable to hold the school, so Grace College and the Winona Lake Bible Conference decided to sponsor their own church music workshop. To bring continuity between the Rodeheaver School of Music and the new workshop, Professor Ogden invited former sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas and former professor, Virgil Brock, to attend. One of the participants in the 1971 music workshop, Miss Elizabeth Briedenbach, attended the very first school directed by the Rodeheavers.

One of the main goals of the workshop was to promote unity and fellowship between the students, though most were strangers before this workshop. To do this, various excursions were planned throughout the area, including a visit to the Rodeheaver Home, the Billy Sunday Home and a cruise on the lake. Another highlight

was the home-style meals where both faculty and students fellowshiped together.

There were several encouraging comments and testimonies from the participating students:

"Very worthwhile for the average lay church musician who has little chance of getting anything helpful."

"Of most value was the piano class taught by Nancy Messner, so comprehensive."

"The fine leadership of Don Ogden added so much and I'm looking forward to another workshop next year."

"Appreciated the spiritual unity, sharing of mutual problems, the closeness and Christian fellowship, the excellent relationship between instructors and students, and the quality and variety of music."

"Helped me to clarify in my mind where we should stand in these 'new' musical styles."

"Since organ is my first love, I was especially impressed with Dr. Yoder, a magnanimous performer and an excellent teacher."

Director Ogden and the other members of the faculty feel that the workshop has been a tremendous success. Already plans are being made for a bigger conference next year, where there will be not only an increase in enrollment, but also in classes.



Prof. Don Ogden and Miss Elizabeth Briedenbach of Evanston, Illinois, a participant in the 1971 music workshop, who also attended the first Winona School of Sacred Music started by Homer Rodeheaver in 1921, examine a 1927 issue of "The Musician" which featured a story on the Rodeheaver School of Sacred Music and a cover picture of the Festival Chorus and the Billy Sunday Tabernacle.

Fourteen New Instructors Named at Grace

Library.

Others joining the faculty include Stephen Arthur Grill, instructor in speech. Mr. Grill graduated from Grace College and authored the play, *Major General Arnold*. Another Grace graduate, Philip Bruce Jones has been appointed an instructor in the field of Spanish. He previously taught at Jimtown High School in Indiana, Robert E. Lee High School in Virginia and Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania. Dr. Stephen C. Dearborn of St. Louis, Missouri, is a graduate of the seminary. He will be teaching in the department of Bible. He has had experience as an engineer at Fruco and Associates and experience as a teacher at State Community College. Darryl E. Matter, former part-time instructor at the University of Maryland will be assistant professor of psychology. He has had three works published in his field.

The newly formed business department will be acquiring Robert G. Elmer as an instructor in business administration and as an assistant business manager. Previously he was business manager at both Baptist Bible

College and St. John's Military Academy.

The library, too, will have a new face. Mr. Allen E. Thunell, a graduate of Western Michigan University will be coming on the faculty as assistant librarian.

James R. Battenfield and Lee L. Kantenwein will be joining the seminary faculty. James R. Battenfield, former instructor at Talbot Theological Seminary will be an instructor in Hebrew and Old Testament. He has previously taught several sessions at Grace. Mr. Lee L. Kantenwein will be assistant to the dean for student affairs and an instructor in homiletics. Mr. Kantenwein has served in the pastorate for the past ten years. His most recent being Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego, Indiana.

The four part-time positions have been filled by Dr. Helen F. Brooks, part-time instructor in history; Mr. C. Wesley Christian, part-time instructor in music; Mr. Ernest Maier, teaching fellow in German; and Mr. John W. Goodman, part-time instructor in psychology.

There will be several new faces on the faculty of Grace College and Grace Seminary for the coming 1971-72 academic year. Ten new full-time instructors and four new part-time instructors have been appointed.

Mr. Paul J. Haney and Dr. Gary D. Tanner will be entering the science department, Mr. Haney as a chemistry instructor and Dr. Tanner as an assistant professor of biology. Previously, Mr. Haney served under the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, West Africa, as the principal of Titcombe College. Dr. Tanner was employed as a commission officer for the U.S. Public Health Service. He has also had two works published in the field of biology.

The history department will also be getting a new instructor, Mr. Kenneth M. Taylor, presently pastor of the Mt. Zion Bible Church in Willshire, Ohio. Mr. Taylor will be an instructor in American history and sociology.

Formerly youth director of the Olivet Congregational Church, Robert Lee Arend will be coming on the faculty in the capacity of an English instructor. His previous experience includes a position on the Chicagoland Youth for Christ staff and a supervisory position in the Trinity College

Tops 1970 gifts by \$45,000!

\$80,680 in Alumni Gifts Sets Record

Alumni gave \$80,680 to Grace Schools for all purposes in 1970, an increase of \$45,439 over the amount given in 1969. This includes all gifts they gave for the schools through local churches or sent direct to the alumni office.

There were 744 donors in 1970, 383 college alumni and 361 seminary alumni. This is an increase of 212 over the 532 donors in 1969.

Non-Brethren college alumni contributed \$4,488, and non-Brethren seminary alumni gave \$7,433 for a total of \$11,921, or 14.7 percent.

Brethren college alumni gave \$24,583, and Brethren seminary

alumni contributed \$44,176 for a total of \$68,759, or 85.3 percent.

Included among the 1970 donors were 285 alumni who had not given during the previous year.

The generous financial support of the alumni who gave during 1970, was an important factor in helping Grace Schools to close another year in the black and is deeply appreciated.

Grace alumni giving for 1970 was outstanding in light of the 11 percent decrease in gifts and less than 20 percent participation on a national level among state, as well as private colleges and universities.

Elect Six New Trustees to Grace Board

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Members of the board of trustees of Grace Schools in attendance at the August 7, 1971, meeting. Top to bottom: First row: Rev. R. Paul Miller; Dr. Charles W. Mayes; Dr. Orville D. Jobson*; Rev. Clyde K. Landrum; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools; Mr. Wayne Smith. Second row: Dr. Glenn W. Baker; Mr. Carl Seitz*; Mr. Ted Franchino; Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman, chairman of the board; Mr. Glenn C. Messner; Dr. Robert Collitt; Rev. Larry Wedertz. Third row: Rev. Lowell Hoyt, Rev. Sam Horney, Rev. Donald F. Carter, Rev. Paul E. Dick, Rev. Richard E. Grant, Mr. Ralph H. Grady*, Rev. James G. Dixon. Fourth row: Rev. Earle Peer, Mr. John Armstrong, Mr. Dwight Stair*, Mr. Richard A. Kriegbaum, Rev. F. Thomas Inman, Mr. Richard Holmes. (*denotes term of office expired this year.) Board members not pictured: Rev. Richard DeArmey, Mr. A. E. Grill, Dr. Douglas Cassel, Mr. E. M. White, and Dr. Larry W. Poland.

Dr. Glenn W. Baker, Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, Sr., Mr. Richard A. Kriegbaum, Dr. Larry W. Poland, Rev. Larry A. Wedertz and Mr. A. E. Grill have been elected as new members of the Grace Schools board of trustees.

Dr. Baker is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine and is a member of the Grace Brethren Church in Indianapolis. He is a practicing family physician from Brownsburg, Indiana. Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, professor of Bible at LeTourneau College in Longview, Texas, is a graduate of Grace Seminary and a member of the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, California. Another seminary graduate, Dr. Larry W. Poland, is now president of Miami Christian University, Miami, Florida. He is a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church in Winona Lake, Indiana. Mr. Richard A. Kriegbaum received his M.A. from Ball State University. Currently he is a member of the Grace Brethren Church in Wheaton, Illinois, and is Spanish instructor, foreign language laboratory coordinator, cross country coach and assistant track coach at Wheaton College. Rev. Larry A. Wedertz, superintendent of the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School in Counselor, New Mexico, is a graduate of Grace College, and is a member of the Grace Brethren Church in Temple City, California. Mr. A. E. Grill, a member of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, has been elected to a two-year term to complete the unexpired term of a former member who recently resigned.

Re-elected members include Dr. Kenneth Ashman, Dr. Douglas Cassel, Rev. Sam Horney and Rev. R. Paul Miller. Dr. Ashman, a graduate of Grace Seminary, is pastor of the First Brethren Church in Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Douglas Cassel is a member of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; a graduate of Hahnemann Medical School; and presently is associate general surgeon at Harrisburg Hospital. Rev. Sam Horney, a graduate of Grace Seminary, is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Toppenish, Washington. Rev. R. Paul Miller, another Grace graduate, is currently pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Maitland, Florida.

Seventy-seven Attend First Institute for Christian School Administrators

Seventy-seven Christian day school administrators, representing twenty-one states, attended the first Institute of Christian School Administration sponsored by Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana, during the last full week of July. Organizers and leaders of the institute were Dr. E. William Male, academic dean of Grace College, who acted as the official host, and Dr. Roy W. Lowrie, Jr., headmaster of the Delaware County Christian School of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, who served as the director of the institute.

The institute featured eleven outstanding faculty members working in top leadership positions in Christian schools and colleges from coast to coast. A total of thirty-five one-hour sessions were scheduled from Monday morning through Friday noon.

Highlighting the week was the first annual banquet held on Thursday evening with Dr. John F. Blanchard, Jr., executive director of the National Association of Christian Schools, as the main speaker. A question and answer session was also featured on Tuesday evening with the delegates questioning the faculty panel.

Christian schools have experienced phenomenal growth during the past five years. Paul A. Kienel, executive director of the California Association of Christian Schools, reported that his organization has tripled in membership during this period. Many other schools and organizations throughout the country have experienced similar growth.

This Institute of Christian School Administration represents a step forward in the preparation and training of administrators for service to Christian schools. Its purpose was to train and assist new administrators, as well as experienced ones, in areas most vital in the ongoing operation of their schools. The training was received with a great degree of enthusiasm. Everyone seemed to appreciate both the high level of professionalism and the warm spirit of Christian fellowship that



Brethren school administrators attending the institute were, left to right: Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, Mr. Richard Jensen, Mr. Douglas Horney, Mr. Howard Vulgamore, Mrs. Dorothy Dixon, Mr. Robert Malone, Mr. Lou Koloze, Mr. Boyd Grove, Mr. Claude Schindler, Mr. Ralph Hayes, Dr. E. William Male.

characterized the entire week. Plans are already under way for another institute to be held next summer, July 31 to August 4, 1972.

Institute faculty members included Dr. Roy W. Lowrie, Jr., institute director; Dr. J. Lester Brubaker, formerly professor of education at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and now principal of the Lancaster Mennonite High School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Dr. Anthony C. Fortosis, for many years headmaster of Ben Lippen School and now dean of the faculty and head of the education department, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina; and Mr. Eugene Garrick, superintendent, Norfolk Christian Schools, Norfolk, Virginia.

Other faculty members included Miss Lucille Johnston, principal of the elementary school, Delaware County Christian School, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania; Mr. Paul A. Kienel, executive director, California Association of Christian Schools, Whittier, California; Mr. Lou E. Koloze, superintendent, Brethren Church Schools, Paramount, California; Dr. E. William Male, academic dean, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana; Mr. Joe Reaves, project director, National Liberty Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsyl-

vania; Mr. James Weaver, headmaster, Heritage Christian Schools, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Dr. John F. Blachard, Jr., executive director, National Association of Christian Schools, Wheaton, Illinois.

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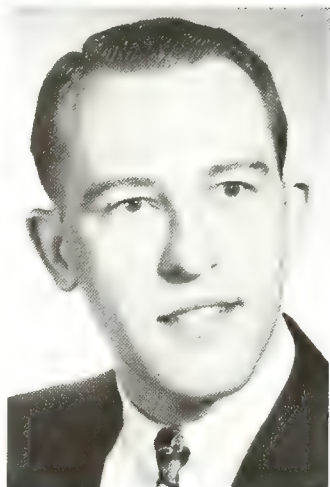


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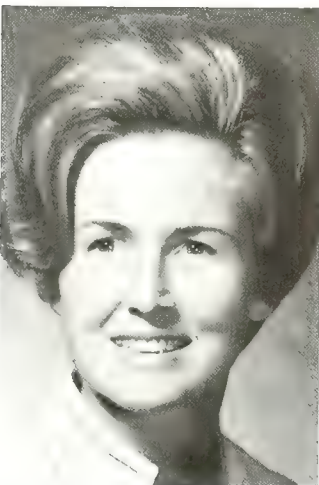
Volume Names Five Grace Faculty Members "Outstanding Educators"



Mrs. Verna Felts



Mr. Edgar Lovelady



Mrs. Yvonne Messner



Dr. Vance Yoder

Five members of the Grace faculty will be featured in the national awards volume, *Outstanding Educators of America for 1971*, according to Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools.

Selected for the honor are: Dr. John J. Davis, associate professor of Old Testament and Archaeology; Mrs. Verna Felts, assistant professor of music; Prof. Edgar Lovelady, assistant professor of English; Mrs. Yvonne Messner, associate professor of physical education; Dr. Vance Yoder, assistant professor of music.

Outstanding Educators of America is an annual award program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional service, achievements, and leadership in the field of education.

Nominations for the program are made by the presidents, deans, and department heads of the colleges and universities participating.

Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who wrote the introductory message for the 1970 edition, says of the men and women included: "The greatest strength of any nation is its human resources. These are the men and women who by their actions in the classroom today mold the course of history. Our hope—the nation's youth—is in their hands. As we honor these teachers, we are reminded of their awesome duty."

Significant factors involved in the selection of these dedicated, born-again Christian teachers for this special honor was their moral and spiritual contribution to the lives of their students.



The popular Dimensions in Brass of Grace College have performed at several conventions this year.

Michigan Sunday-school Convention Features Dimensions in Brass

The Dimensions in Brass, the brass choir from Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana, will be one of the outstanding features of the forthcoming 26th Annual Michigan Sunday School Association Convention to be held at Cobo Hall in Detroit, November 11, 12 and 13.

The twenty-piece choir is directed by Mr. Jerry Franks, trumpet soloist. Mr. Franks has studied trumpet since his preschool days. A graduate of West Virginia University where he majored in trumpet and music education, he has combined a career of professional musician and private instructor.

Director Franks has given each member of the five-

year-old choir personal instruction—making them well in demand to perform, whether for recreation, entertainment, worship or Christian witness.

The entire MSSA convention promises to be a rewarding experience. Several exciting activities are being planned including over 150 workshops and performances by the 1,300 voice MSSA Children's Choir. Many outstanding speakers have been asked to participate: Miss Ethel Barrett, Dr. Clyde Narramore, Dr. Charles Blair, Dr. Jack Van Impe, Rev. Howard Jones and Dr. Jerry Falwell. The final rally on Saturday evening will feature Dave Boyer, well-known recording artist and soloist.

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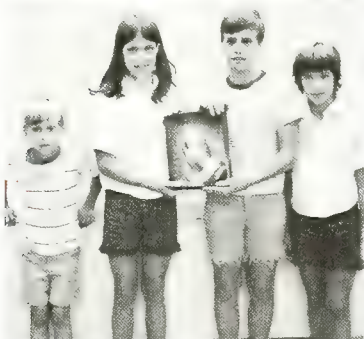
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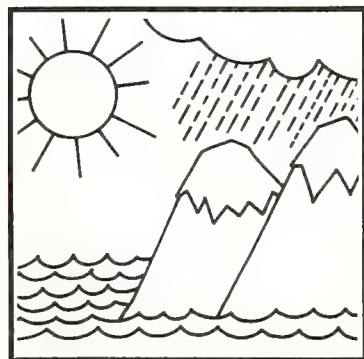
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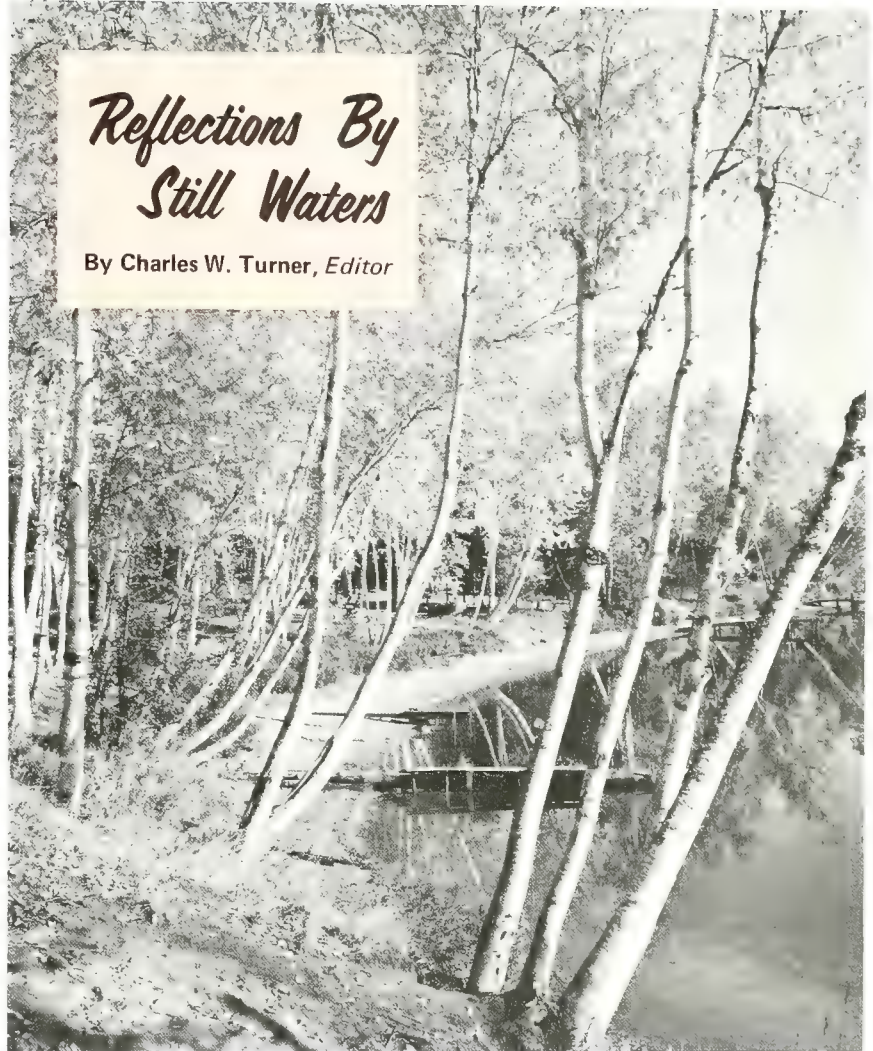
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Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner, Editor



Thoughts on Keys

Several weeks ago I encountered an electronic gadget that caused me a bit of consternation and difficulty. On a flight to Mexico City I was checked to see if I might be carrying weapons on my person. It was of some measure of comfort to know that the inspectors were taking all necessary precautions to see that we did not end up in Cuba instead of our intended destination. With the knowledge that I was not boarding the plane with a malicious intent, I opened my briefcase bravely to show its contents, and then stepped up to the area to be personally checked. I was confident when I passed through the electronic eye, but I soon found my confidence was shattered. I was told that I had failed the test. The information was given to me that I had a very high concentration of metal on my person. The search revealed two key rings loaded with keys. When they were removed—so was the suspicion, and I was granted permission to board the flight.

My first reaction to the whole incident was one of intense embarrassment. Then I pulled out the keys and counted them, only to discover that I had fifteen. Why so many? I am not too certain that they were all necessary. And I admit that I might have had a little difficulty in knowing where the locks to fit them all could be found.

There was a lesson for me in the whole situation, and it had to do with the matter of the cost of sin. You may ask the question—what connection is there between keys and sin? I feel confident that if there were no sin, there would be no need of locks and keys. The Bible points out that the gates of heaven will not even be closed, let alone locked (cf. Rev. 21:25). If everyone could be trusted, then the lock-

smiths and key makers would be out of work.

Sin costs so very much. It can be most expensive as it relates to the future destiny of man. For sin can, and will, take a man to hell unless he permits the grace of God to intervene. There are many things in life which we consider to be costly—we call them high-priced items because so much is required to buy them. In fact, just about anything we obtain we make some kind of exchange to bring it into our possession. Expensive items may be expensive in ways other than a large exchange of money. Jesus said: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). The reminder that we really have not gained anything—we have lost everything—should bring us to the point of thinking through each situation to determine what is costly and what is cheap.

A pocketful of keys that fit fifteen different locks made me think again that the greatest tragedy of all times was the tragedy of the entrance of sin into this world of ours. We guard and lock our possessions against possible theft, with the knowledge that all are transgressors and all have sinned against the Lord—this is a recognized fact. So sin costs us in a material sense to withstand against the transgressions of others, and it is costly in a spiritual sense because it can, and does, cost to the point of eternal damnation of many.

The lesson to be learned is that the grace of God is a very important factor. For without it sin would literally overcome everyone and everything, but there is a way and a hope and it is found in Christ. Someday the full effects of sin will be removed from redeemed mankind and then all the "keys" will not be needed. ☛

A Moment with Missions



"I beg you to stay on at Ephesus" (I Tim. 1:3 lit. trans.).

There was trouble at Ephesus, and just when everything was going so well. If something was not done quickly there was danger that false doctrine and organizational disorders would split this fine congregation. Such a tragedy would lead many into apostasy. The church needed a forceful leader to stand up against the grave problems that threatened the flock. A missionary elder was needed immediately.

But who would undertake this unpleasant task?

Paul's presence was demanded in Macedonia. Timothy was a most unlikely candidate for such an important undertaking. He was young (4:12), sickly (5:23), had a tendency to shun responsibility (4:12-16; 6:11-14; II Tim. 2:1-7), and was sensitive to the point of tears (II Tim. 1:4). Besides, the duties and responsibilities that would fall upon his shoulders if he accepted this position were more than he bargained for on that day he became a Christian. He never imagined that his association with the Apostle Paul would thrust him into a position of overwhelming responsibility. But it happened, and now he was expected to deal with problems beyond his abilities.

The temptation to leave Ephesus was strong. After all, it really was not his problem. Why should he involve himself? Let the congregation handle

its own affairs. No one could fault him for pressing on to preach the Gospel in other heathen cities. His Christian conscience, although not entirely at peace, at least was not compelling him to stay.

Then a letter arrived from Paul, and a phrase leaped out at Timothy: "I beg you to stay on." If his stomach was not giving him trouble before he read those words, you can be sure it was doing so afterwards. He hastened to obey Paul's medical advice (I Tim. 5:23).

The whole mess that Satan dropped on the church at Ephesus now fell into Timothy's hands and there was nothing for him to do but obey the call, deal with the matters at hand, and do the work of a missionary elder. He stayed on.

Paul's plea to Timothy is timely. The whole of Christendom is experiencing a retreat from responsibility, and many who once felt called of God to positions of Christian leadership now have second thoughts about their calling.

U. S. News & World Report for Aug. 21, 1971, reports that an alarming number of Roman Catholic priests are quitting their ministries (from 559 in 1964 to 1,906 in 1968, and to 1,142 in the first three months of 1969 left the priesthood). The reasons for these defections might, at first thought, cause evangelical Christians to rejoice, for it could signal the beginning of another reformation move-

ment and thus be a blessing to all Christendom. Alas! such is not the case. Although priests are dissatisfied and now take issue with many of the Roman Catholic beliefs that were dealt with during the Reformation, they are not modern Martin Luthers determined to obey God and defend the faith. The great majority are finding employment in secular positions.

And what of the Protestant ministry? A recent survey reveals that 20 percent of all pastors interviewed wish they were in some other form of ministry. One in ten expressed regret that he ever entered the ministry.

Furthermore, many seminary students, although seeking some form of Christian service, are deliberately avoiding both the pastorate and missionary service. And what is even more alarming is the number of missionaries coming on furlough and making no plans for return to their field of service.

Could it be that the problems faced by today's Christians are that much greater than those experienced by Christians in the past? Anyone acquainted with church history could hardly come to such a conclusion. It is not the weight of problems that defeat the true Christian, but rather the uncertainty of knowing God's will. It is time once again for the admonition of the Apostle Paul to be taken seriously: "Stay on." It is time for Timothy (*you*) to recognize that he is the one the Lord is counting on to stand in the gap and deal with the problems in a positive scriptural way. The world needs courageous Christian ministers and missionaries who will not be turned aside by either the ferocious attacks of an unbelieving world or the immature criticisms of fellow Christians.

"I beg of you to *stay on*."—JWZ

MISSIONARY TROUBLESHOOTER

Part I told of departure from New York on the ZamZam on March 20, 1941, and the consequent shelling by the German raider ship on April 17. All 202 passengers, plus the crew, were removed with a minimum of their possessions, and then the Nazi raider ship placed time bombs in the ZamZam and blew it up. "The boat sank quickly, leaving hardly a trace. Down went the missionaries' precious outfits for Africa."

Part II

By Grace Byron

Long Trip to Bassai

(FMS editor's note: The year of 1971 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the sinking of the ZamZam, a ship on which several Brethren missionaries were traveling to Africa early in World War Two. Miss Byron, now retired, was asked to recount her experiences of thirty years ago.)

The captain of the *Tamesis* was courteous but firm. He said he was not prepared to care for so many and regretted the inconvenience he caused us, but was justified in what he did because the *ZamZam* had been traveling blacked-out, in silence, with no marks of identification, flying no flag, and sailing under British Admiralty.

We were taken down, down, and down some more into the hold. I wondered just what we might find at the bottom—but I knew I could rely on His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." There we found our sleeping quarters, large wooden bunks with thin straw mattresses. The men on the other side of the canvas had no bunks. We were given a meager meal of soup, bread, tea and cookies. At midnight we were startled by the clanging of bells and a lot of confusion overhead. We were relieved when told we had met another ship and all would be transferred to it in the morning except for the three seriously injured men, who would stay on the *Tamesis* and be cared for by the ship's doctor.

The next morning we were transferred to our prison ship, the *Dresden*. Again the Nazi captain was stern but polite. He said he would not tolerate

any monkey business, and that he was not prepared to accommodate so many but would do the best he could. The boat was small with very few cabins, and these he gave to the women and children. The men were put down under the second hatch and had no bunks but slept on the floor; some had rather short bags filled with cotton. Mrs. Morrill, Elaine and Steve, Miss Ruth Snyder, and I had a cabin. Mrs. Morrill and the children slept on the bunk. Each night Ruth and I put our thin straw mattresses on the floor, and then took them up in the morning since they occupied all the floor space. We were kept under close guard, for we were prisoners of war. The food was unpalatable. Just to give you an idea, it was known by the prisoners as "glop" and "billboard paste."

The *Tamesis* left at full speed the next morning.

On April 19 the captain of the *Dresden* started her engines and went in circles for nine days, getting nowhere. We were only 1,540 miles out of Capetown, our original destination; in five days we could have been there. Why this delay? The uncertainty was disturbing. We were told we were waiting for a supply ship from South

America. I was reminded again of my promise verse: "Lo, I am with you always." Finally we were given the privilege of going up on deck until sundown. Sometime later the men who had wives and children were allowed to visit them, but only for two hours in the morning—ten to twelve o'clock.

Every time we went up on deck we were confronted with a large picture of Hitler on the first landing. Would they ever request us to "Heil, Hitler"? They did not. I was reminded of the horror stories told by prisoners kept in the Nazi concentration camps. I turned to God's Word and read the reassuring words, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee" (Isa. 41:10). I found much comfort reading the Word. I was so glad I had taken my Bible off the *ZamZam*. I loaned it often to others who had lost theirs on the ship. At the end of the nine days the *Tamesis* returned with supplies and unloaded them and the *Dresden* started on its way. But where? That was the big question. The captain knew the answer.

The captain made us some glowing promises. He would go close to the Brazilian coast and put us on a neutral ship; if that failed he would put us on a neutral ship if he met one; if that also failed he would put us off at a neutral port—but why reveal his whereabouts of operation? By no

means did he intend to run the English blockade. So he kept his course secret—but not for long.

The scientist on board secretly rigged up a device to measure the shadow at noon. He could get the sun's position and then calculate the latitude quite accurately, and had means of also figuring the approximate longitude. He then knew the ship's location and course. The captain kept the ship on a northwesterly course and later changed to due north. He kept far from the coasts of both South America and Africa.

It was hot traveling through the tropics. I was glad I had thought to take my sun helmet with me that fateful morning on the *ZamZam*, and the Lord reminded me to take my coat for the cold weather as we traveled north. I enjoyed being out on deck and having fellowship with the missionaries and other passengers. One day I asked an Englishwoman where she had intended to go. She replied, "I am going to Northern Rhodesia." Her answer brought to mind a then-popular English slogan: "There will always be an England."

Twice the Lord caused the sea to be turbulent so that submarines could not operate in our vicinity.

One day we saw the crew barricading the bridge with bales of hemp. Was the captain expecting the possibility of an attack? Would he break his promise and run the British blockade? We were told to sleep in our clothing. I slipped off my shoes but had them close so I could slip right into them if need be. I decided I could either worry all night about what might happen, or else trust the Lord and go to sleep. I slept through every night on the promise, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety" (Ps. 4:8). Reading my Bible and sharing it continued to comfort me greatly. The fellowship with the other missionaries was wonderful. We prayed together.

On the morning of May 12 the captain, keeping a keen watch on the bridge, caught sight of a trace of smoke from a vessel in the distance; he suddenly turned course and fled the danger of being seen. When he felt that his ship was out of danger, he turned back on course. Then the next day we had a similar experience, but that time the cause was the smoke of several

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ships. The *Dresden* again changed course and fled. Back on course after several hours, the direction was changed from north to east. The Lord had protected us again. He was keeping His promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

On May 19 we were on deck enjoying the last rays of the sunset before reluctantly going down to our cabins to be locked in for the night. We saw flickerings which proved to be the lights of Finisterre, Spain. The captain said we would be seeing land within twenty-four hours. Did this mean he would land us in Spain or Portugal? He had broken all other promises with the excuse that he must obey the orders he received.

We were up on deck early the next morning—and there was the coast of Spain. How we thanked the Lord for the first sight of land since leaving Recife, Brazil, on the *ZamZam* April 9. It was a most welcome change of scenery from the foreboding ocean. We followed every curve of the coastline and enjoyed the beautiful scenery, but we did not land in any port. We kept the same course, getting closer each day to the French border.

One day two warships began escorting the *Dresden*, and then on May 21 we entered the harbor of St. Jean de Luz, France. We saw the swastikas of the Nazi conquerors flying boldly in the breeze. It was sickening to the heart of a freedom-loving American.

The captain had told us that all Americans would land but the others would stay aboard the *Dresden* and be taken to Bordeaux and then to concentration camps.

Bidding good-by to our friends left on the *Dresden*, we promised to pray for them. It was heartbreaking to see families separated because of differences in nationality. Finally setting foot on land was a wonderful feeling. We were informed that we would be taken in buses to Biarritz. The staring crowd found us quite a curiosity. Still the involuntary guests of the Nazi government, as the captain of the *Dresden* liked to call us, we knew and

felt that we were war prisoners. When taken to first-class hotels and given good meals, after sleeping on the floor and living on a diet of "glop" and "billboard paste," we enjoyed these luxuries immensely. No one was allowed to go out of the hotel and we were forbidden to speak to anyone. Our passports had been surrendered.

One by one, alphabetically, we were called into an office. When my turn came and I walked in, the officer was seated at a desk with my passport opened before him. He looked at my picture and then at me, and asked gruffly, "What's your number?" I answered, "I don't know." He asked the same question three times, and each time my answer was the same: "I don't know." Finally I said my number was on my passport before him. He handed me the passport and I walked out of the office. I was glad that ordeal was over and I had possession of my passport—some had lost theirs on the *ZamZam*, and had to send to Washington for new ones.

We were then given liberty to go anywhere in the city but not out of the city limits. I saw some Basque people for the first time. They have lived in the Pyrenees Mountains for centuries and no one seems to know their origin. They continue to wear their native costumes and their language is different from any other spoken tongue.

On display in a store one day we saw a New York paper with this flashing headline: "*ZamZam*, Egyptian boat with 202 passengers aboard, sunk by a German raider." One of the girls got so excited that she accidentally kicked in the showcase. Immediately she asked the storekeeper the price of the damages. He was very gracious and replied, "Nothing." He recognized us as having been on the *ZamZam*, and that we were very much alive. We wanted to buy a French Bible but found none.

The American Consul and the Red Cross were in contact with us and were doing everything they could for our comfort.

(To be concluded)

DOESN'T PRAYER EVER HURT?

You remember Isobel Fraser's quotation from a Jewess: "*Prayer never hurts.*" (Article by Miss Fraser in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* for June 26, 1971.)

Africans disagree.

Did you ever hear anyone pray like this: "Lord, don't give this person any peace until he gives You his heart"?

That exactly meets the African definition of *cursing*.

To them, cursing is not profanity. It is praying for something bad to happen to someone else.

That is the whole difference between heathen praying and Christian praying.

Heathen praying works automatically by magic. Christian praying has a built-in safety mechanism.

Sometimes when we complain that our prayers are not answered, we are really complaining about this safety mechanism which protects us against calling down a curse on someone when we think we are calling down a blessing.

"We know not what we should pray for as we ought." But the Spirit transmutes our "groanings which cannot be uttered" into intelligible prayers which call down true blessings.

Praise God for the automatic safety devices which He has built into the spiritual universe.—*Dr. Floyd Taber, Boguila, C.A.R.*

MISSIONS SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Dr. Russell D. Barnard, long-time former general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, is available for missionary conference activity. From his wealth of experience as pastor and missions executive, Dr. Barnard's ministry would be suitable for a single Sunday, a three-day or a full-week campaign.

To arrange dates, contact the FMS office in Winona Lake, J. Keith Altig, deputation secretary.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS FOR VBS

Next year give your Vacation Bible School a real missionary emphasis!

Pastor Larry Gegner of the Ankenytown (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church invited Deputation Secretary Keith Altig and wife, Vivian, to be speakers in the evening service on the Sunday prior to the opening of their VBS, and then to have the chapel time in the school the next morning.

The missionaries taught the assembled children and young people a new chorus, a new way to remember a Scripture verse, displayed some interesting and unusual artifacts from Brazil, and told a thrilling story of how God protected them on a long and dangerous journey.

Contact the FMS office for the possibility of having a missionary in your Vacation Bible School next summer.



Various Brethren testified to the sincerity of "Brother Sebastian" in his profession of faith in Christ. He had exposed the secrets of his wicked business and he wanted to follow the Lord in everything. The first step was baptism, and the second was a Christian marriage ceremony.

One More Witch Doctor

It was almost noon on July 19 when the good ship *Vamos* pulled up to Possum Island on its regular tri-monthly visit. Before we could secure the boat and step out onto the fifty-foot log that serves as a pier to the thatched house of Joao Correia, the lay pastor of the congregation, up came a dugout canoe paddled by a fellow about thirty-five years old, whom I did not know. He looked and paddled like a native of the islands but wore a Michigan State T-shirt! When someone introduced him as "Brother Sebastian," apparently no sign of recognition appeared on my face, for I was then told that this was the fellow formerly known as Sabara, the Arapiranga Island witch doctor who had been converted some months before and of whom I'd been told on my last trip.

Next to arrive was the man of the house, Senhor Joao, paddling in from fishing. He himself is brother-in-law to another converted witch doctor, Senhor Otabiano of Holy Cross Island (now with his Lord). Other people came from Jaguar Island and from Monkey Island. One of the believers from Monkey Island is the son of still another witch doctor (unsaved), this brother, Senhor Oliver, having been demon-possessed until he came to know Christ as his Saviour some years ago.

Joao and Mariazinha Correia served lunch to those who had paddled in from some distance. Then we gathered in their front room, which was being

By Bill Burk
Missionary to Brazil


used for meetings because the old thatched church building next door has been taken over by the wasps. The men are now gathering materials from the jungle for the construction of their new riverside meeting house. The candidates for baptism sat together on the front bench. They were Senhor Sebastian and his wife, Joanna, and Maria Clara, the teenage daughter of the Correias. Approximately an hour was given to reading and discussion of the passages pertaining to baptism.

Various brethren testified to the apparent sincerity of this former witch doctor in his profession of faith in Christ. One of the most impressive testimonials described the way he had told the public of all the secrets and lies used by the men of that wicked business—much to the consternation of those still "practicing" in the area. Equally impressive to the brethren—knowing the costs involved—was the fact that Brother Sebastian had worked hard in order to get everything needed to be civilly married to his wife of a decade, having been taught "to observe all things whatsoever" the Lord has commanded. Besides the legal fees of about a week's earnings was the cost of their new clothes for the ceremony (blue trousers and a white shirt for him and a very nice white dress for her). After an effort of months, Sebastian and Joanna were

married by a judge on another island just two days before the scheduled day of baptism and communion.

Following the baptisms in the muddy Amazon water (he was still in his Michigan State T-shirt), they dressed in their new clothes for the communion service, a service always very precious to these simple island people. During the love feast, Senhor Sebastian testified that never in his life had God cooperated with him as much as He had in the last few months!

After the service they rearranged the benches for the taking of the Christian vows on the part of these two who had so recently turned from darkness to that marvelous Light, from the service of Satan to obedience to Jesus Christ. The pertinent portions of Ephesians 5 were read and explained. Then in the presence of Almighty God and their new brethren in Christ these two took the vows which only a genuine God-fearing believer is seriously interested in keeping.

(NOTE: We often hesitate to write a story like this (of which, in this case, Sebastian is not aware), for too many times the new convert falls shortly after the publicity—a tragedy which we attribute to the work of the devil. So, having read this account of the recent rebirth of a man who was one of Satan's own servants, we beg you now to uphold this your new brother in Christ before His holy throne! Perhaps some day beyond the rapture of the saints Brother Sebastian will look you up and thank you personally.—BB) 

A Great Time for the MHC

Just about 170 boys and girls attended the Missionary Helpers Club meetings at Winona Lake, Indiana, in August. These were held the five nights of Sunday through Thursday of national conference. While the grown-ups were having their own meetings down at the big Winona Lake Auditorium, the MH'ers met at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. (The church was a really busy place, because almost 500 young people were meeting there each night, too—upstairs, while the MHC was downstairs.)

Planning and leading the meetings was Aunt Alys Haag, who is director of the MHC as well as being a missionary to Mexico. She has conducted the MHC meetings during national conference for a number of years, and the kids really love her.

"Real live missionaries" are always the highlight of the meetings, and those present at the conference take their turns coming to speak to the kids. They bring their families, dress in costumes, show curios, and tell stories about the mission field. This year, from Africa, there were the Wayne Beavers and their son, Joe; Mrs. George Cone and the five Cone children; Robert Judays and their four children; Tom McDairmants and their four children; and the George Peters family and their four boys. From Argentina came the Robert Cover family with four children also; from Brazil, Ernie Bearingers and Eddie Miller; from Germany, Roger Peughs and their two little boys; from Puerto Rico, Ray Davises and their two boys; and from Mexico, Uncle Walt Haag. What a lot of missionaries! Each MH'er had a special prayer booklet in which the missionaries' pictures had been pasted—one page for each family, with space to write down special prayer requests given, and to get the missionaries' autographs.

Yes, *missionaries* are important people to the MHC!

One very special guest was the African pastor, Noel Gaiwaka, who is visiting in the United States. Of course, he had to have someone to interpret for him when he spoke to the kids, and it was a missionary kid, Tom Peters, who did the interpreting!

Aunt Alys had a faithful crew of interested adults who helped her carry on the meetings, and these included Miss Barbara Kolb of Philadelphia; Mrs. Kenneth Russell of New Holland, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Gladys McConkie of Ankenytown, Ohio; and Mrs. Male, Miss Eikenberry, and Miss

Witter of the FMS office.

At the end, on Friday afternoon, a MHC rally was held. Here is what Aunt Alys tells about that:

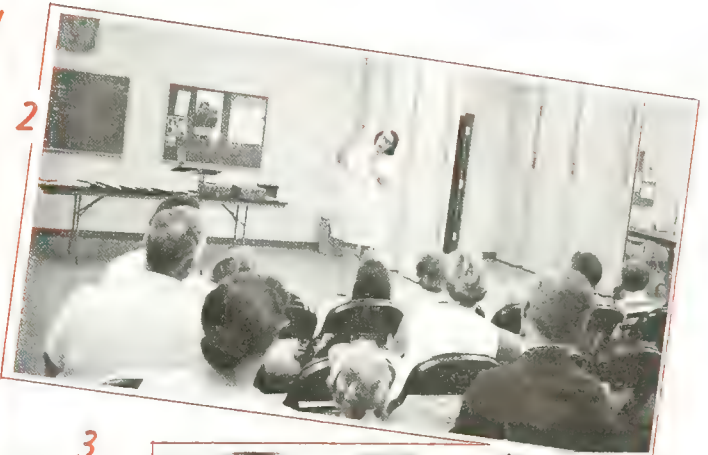
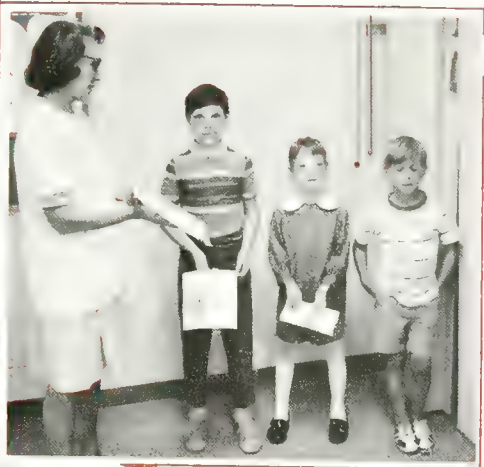
"The pictures here were taken at the MHC rally, which was much like a party this year. The biggest fun game was when the MH'ers had to find all the hidden missionaries and put them in the right families. Another fun game was when Mrs. Beaver helped us play 'Oh, Poor Nanette' like the African girls do. We were all clear down on the floor once during the game.

"A missionary from each field told us how the nationals would have a party in their land, what they would do, and some of the food they would eat.

"There were many prize winners for coloring contest, quiz teams, and memorization. Many families came, and at the end we had Missionary Helpers flowers made from lollipops."

These are the pictures on the opposite page:

1. Three coloring contest winners who were present at the rally: James Clinton, Accident, Maryland; Debbie Myers, Beaverton, Oregon; Billy Heffelfinger, Penn Valley, Pennsylvania.
2. Aunt Alys demonstrating bouncing monkey cut from one sheet of paper. (Handwork was prepared by Northwest WMC's and First Long Beach WMC.)
3. Aunt Alys talks with some of the MH'ers.
4. Pastor Noel Gaiwaka autographs prayer booklets for Debbie Franks and Steve Griffith.
5. At the rally the missionaries and their children were scattered about in the audience. The MH'ers eleven and twelve years old did a perfect job of finding them all and grouping them in families.
6. Winning quiz team from Penn Valley: Billy Heffelfinger, Debbie Franks, Steve Griffith, and Chris Franks, displaying their prize. Second place team—Kim and Carla Gegner from Ankenytown—was only three points behind and received a similar prize.
7. Aunt Alys, Noel Gaiwaka, and Tom Peters who interpreted for Noel.
8. Crowd at the Friday afternoon rally—about 250 people; largest rally Aunt Alys can remember.



Project Needs for Foreign Mission Fields

HAWAII

Waimalu Grace Brethren Church:
 Electric water fountain .. \$200.00
 Loud speaker system
 (with "roving" microphone) 330.00
 Room dividers (4 needed).. 50.00 ea.
 Choir and youth songbooks
 (2 kinds) 15 at.. 1.00 ea.
 15 at.. 2.00 ea.
 Toward purchase of land
 and/or house containing
 chapel Any amount

PUERTO RICO

Movie projector \$ 600.00
 Automobile 5,000.00
 (includes transportation
 and customs)

FRANCE

Literature (tracts, etc.) ... Any amount
 Library books Any amount
 Cassette listeners
 (for use in home and
 Chateau Bible studies) \$ 25.00 ea.
 Chateau washing machine 450.00
 Guest room redecoration 250.00
 Heating unit for Chateau ... 250.00
 Amplifying equipment 600.00
 (can be given in amounts of
 \$50--microphones or accessories;
 \$100--speaker units; or
 \$200--amplifier)
 Extension ministry in Chalon--Any amount
 (new work of Renicks--those
 interested may write the
 Chateau for detailed list
 of needs)

ARGENTINA

Moody Science films \$160.00 ea.

A F R I C A

Medical work:

Incubators	\$ 20.00 ea.	Blood pressure apparatus)	
Beds (50 needed)	40.00 ea.	(16 needed)) Any amounts
Refrigerator	700.00	Mimeograph) acceptable;
Baby clinic equipment (6).	200.00 ea.	Reference books) write for
Equipment for new		Lab equipment) information
dispensaries (4)	200.00 ea.	Teaching aids)

Also:

Refrigerator (Bangui) ... 200.00
 School of Theology kitchen 365.00
 Literature for Chad 500.00
 Paint & repairs for all stations

SPECIAL PROJECT!

Truck for builder in C.A.R.--\$10,000
 --needed by Ben Klus to carry on
 his mission building work. Cost
 includes customs and transportation
 to field.

Church News

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. Chaplain (Major) Emlyn H. Jones had the honor of delivering a Memorial Day Address at Lafayette Memorial Park, May 31, 1971. In a very moving way, Chaplain Jones traced the history of the American fighting man as the preserver of the American way of life.

In honor of the soldiers of past days Chaplain Jones said, "I dare not attempt to eulogize those fallen dead. They have written their own glory—in their own blood, on a thousand battlefields, in a million foxholes, from the sandy shores of New England . . . to the wet and stinking jungles in Vietnam—his purpose has always been to fight our wars, to defeat our enemies, to defend our freedom, to preserve this Republic."

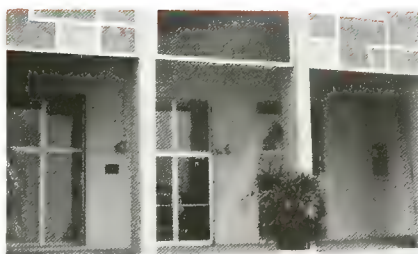
Chaplain Jones continued, "These are the men who perform the greatest act of civilized man—sacrifice. For one man to die for another is an . . . act of love comparable only to the love of God who, by the way, sent His Son to die for all of us."

"I warn you," he emphasized, "that the day the American soldier fails us is the very day that this nation will be destroyed."

He added, however, "The American soldier has never failed us, he is not failing us today, and as long as we honor him, he will never fail us."

As a final tribute Chaplain Jones concluded, "To these honored dead I humbly whisper, 'Thank you for your sacrifice and for your legacy of honor and country.'"

KOKOMO, IND. A farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yager at the Indian Heights Church Aug. 8. Mr. Yager was saved as a lad in the church and later attended Grace College. Following graduation, he served at the Brethren Navajo Mission. There he met his wife, Sandra. They returned to the Kokomo area where Mr. Yager was employed as a public schoolteacher. They have now responded to the teaching ministry in Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield, Ohio. Richard Sellers, pastor.



Temporary quarters of the new Brethren testimony.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. There were 25 people in attendance at the opening worship service of a new Brethren testimony in this town. The first service was held July 25 with 19 attending the Sunday-school hour. The average attendance for the worship service held at 25 through the month of August. In addition to the Sunday services, there is a Thursday evening Bible class. The temporary meeting place is The Village Hall, 266 Cyprus Lane, Palm Springs, Fla. William Willard, pastor.



The new Grace Brethren Village will be located on this eighteen-acre site.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Plans are proceeding for the erection of the Grace Village Retirement Complex, a ministry of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The 18-acre building site is located on Wooster Rd., Lamp Post Manor Estates, just east of Grace Schools. A brochure outlining the description, benefits to be expected, projected costs, and so forth, is available and will be mailed to interested persons. Write to Grace Village, Box 386, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE. Keith and Vivian Altig have produced a song booklet entitled *Calvary Choruses*. It contains the popular chorus "My Father Watches Over Me" which they have used extensively on deputation work, and 16 other numbers. It is priced at 35c. Also, the 1969-70 WMC Bible study booklet, *The Master Calleth*, is still available at 25c each for any ladies who may wish to purchase one. You may order the above booklets from the College Bookstore, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Please add 10c for each booklet ordered to cover postage and handling.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Robert Moeller has accepted the call to become the Chaplain-Administrator at Grace Brethren Village beginning Oct. 1. He has resigned his pastoral duties at the Grace Brethren Church in Flora, Ind., where he has served for the past four years.

SMM GIRLS. On your SMM order blank you are instructed to include 15 percent for postage and handling on your purchase from Schrock Jewelers. This figure is an error. Please add only 10 percent for postage and handling. Mrs. Robert Boze, national SMM patroness.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

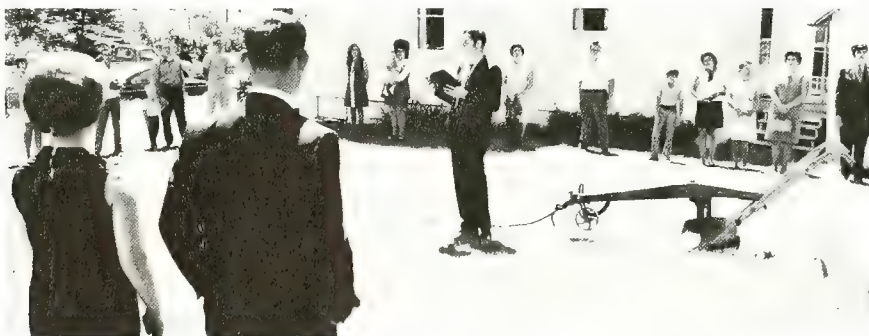
Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Lancaster, Pa.	Oct. 10-15	Arthur Malles	Nathan Meyer
Defiance, Ohio	Oct. 15-17	John McKay	James Boyer
Altoona, Pa.			
(First)	Oct. 17-24	Marvin Meeker	Allen Herr
Conemaugh, Pa.			
(Pike)	Oct. 17-24	Kenneth Koontz	A. Kriegbaum



Coach Jim Shoffner tells of his faith at a military prayer breakfast.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Chaplain (Major) Lee D. Burris recently sponsored his fourth prayer breakfast for the men of Headquarters, 13th Artillery Group (Air Defense), Presidio of San Francisco. Featured speaker for the event was Jim Shoffner, assistant coach for the San Francisco 49'ers professional football team. Chaplain Burris was later moved to Post Chapel to serve as Protestant Chaplain at two of the chapels on the post.



With the plow nearby, Pastor Thomas Goossens leads the ground-breaking service.

KITTANNING, PA. They aren't plowing a field. They're building a church! The members of the North Buffalo Brethren Church replaced the shovel with an antique iron plow for a unique ground-breaking service July 18. With fitting remarks, Pastor Thomas Goossens recalled building programs of the past during the lives of such men as Moses, Solomon, Haggai and Nehemiah.

FREMONT, OHIO. Mr. Adessa Williams, a student in Grace Seminary, has been named assistant pastor at the Grace Brethren Chapel, to concentrate in the area of youth and outreach to the blacks in the community.

Construction on new classrooms for the chapel is in progress under the leadership of Mr. Val Curtis, licensed architect and engineer. Marion Thomas, pastor.

MYERSTOWN, PA. The church voted to engage the Brethren Architectural Service to begin preliminary studies for an addition to the present facilities. On Aug. 15, attendance records were broken with 277 attending the morning worship hour. Luke E. Kauffman, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Marilyn Emch and Gary Miller, June 12, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio. Rev. Robert Combs, Ghent Brethren Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Robert Russell.

Carolyn L. Watson and Robert C. Carpenter, June 12, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Connie Diggins and Earl Standridge, July 23, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa. Vernon Schrock performed the ceremony.

Gwen Bixler and Dan Waggoner, Aug. 22, Grace Brethren Chapel, Fremont, Ohio.

Janet M. Metcalf and Leonard L. Lewis, Aug. 28, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Tommie Lou Miller and James H. Moore, Jr., Aug. 28, Grace Brethren Church, Lexington, Ohio.

Alice Russell and Aldo Hoyt, Aug. 28, Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt and Rev. A. Rollin Sandy officiated.

Sandra Joanne Speicher and Frank L. Bowman, Sept. 10, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BIHLMAIER, Reta A., a member of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans., went to be with the Lord recently. Bill Stevens, pastor.

BOOMER, Jessie M., a member of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans., passed away recently. Bill Stevens, pastor.

EKERS, B. Harvey, 71, of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, died Aug. 19. Merlin D. Berkey, pastor.

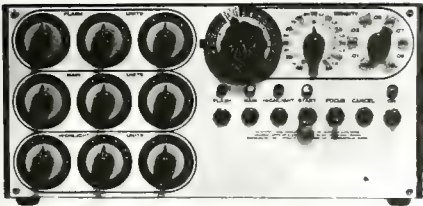
GNAGY, John H., a charter member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., died recently. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Albert Flory and Rev. Merton A. Lambert. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

HARDIN, Harry De Vere, long-time member of the West Covina Brethren Church, died after an extended illness. He had served the Lord for many years as trustee. Memorial services were conducted in Ventura, Calif., by Rev. Dale Hostetler, pastor of the Santa Barbara Grace Brethren Church, where Mr. and Mrs. Hardin had recently become members.

RODEHEAVER, Orie O., 74, died Aug. 16. He was a member of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. Merlin D. Berkey, pastor.

STROUD, Luella, was a member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., for 40 years before her death on Aug. 30. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

WALTER, Jane A., 79, entered her Lord's presence on Aug. 26. She was the step-mother of Rev. Dean I. Walter and attended faithfully the Vicksburg Brethren Church. Richard Harstine, pastor.



The Switchboard

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

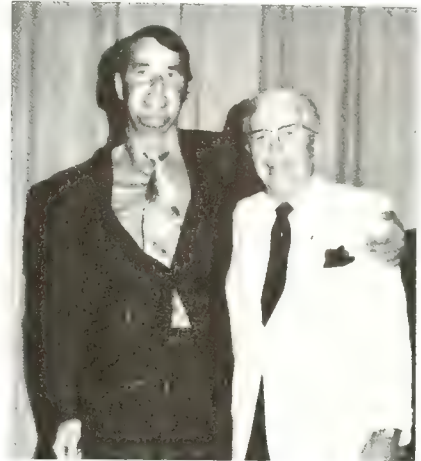
Dr. Etling Honored for 18 Years Service in Christian Education

The closing session of the 1971 Christian Education Convention was the occasion for honoring Dr. Harold Etling in view of his retirement after nearly eighteen years of service as Sunday-school Director and Christian Education Director for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The program of tribute was prepared as a surprise to Dr. and Mrs. Etling by the staff of the Christian Education Department and included comments from Brethren pastors, missionaries and denominational leaders as well as representatives of other denominations and Christian organizations. Prominent in many of

the nearly forty messages of tribute was the theme of Dr. Etling's very practical encouragement to pastors and Christian education workers throughout the many years and hundreds of thousands of miles of his travel among our churches. Brethren and non-Brethren alike spoke of his consistent testimony and service for the Lord Jesus Christ and many commented concerning the twofold characteristic of dedication and hard work as typified by our beloved "Pop" Etling.

Dr. Etling has been named Director Emeritus of the Christian Education Department and with retirement from the official duties of administration will continue to minister directly to Brethren congregations as Bible



Dr. Harold Etling (right), retiring after eighteen years, welcomes the new director, Rev. Howard Mayes.

teacher, evangelist, and consultant in the work of Christian education.

Brethren from one coast to the other join together to say, "thank you and God bless you, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Etling."

DIVISION WINNERS AUGUST S.S. CONTEST

- A—Hagerstown, Md., Grace
Rev. Robert Collitt
- B—Columbus, Ohio
Rev. James Custer
- C—Bellflower, Calif.
Rev. Edwin Cashman
- D—Warsaw, Ind.
Rev. Mark Malles
- E—Phoenix, Ariz. Grace
Rev. Joe Coppinger
- F—Sinking Spring, Ohio
Rev. J. Paul Reno
- G—Modesto, Calif., Greenwood
Rev. Ward Miller
- H—Barberton, Ohio
Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove
- I—Arvada, Colo.
Rev. Robert Firl
- J—Coraopolis, Pa.
Rev. Dean Risser
- N—Colorado Springs, Colo.
Rev. Thomas Inman

Look for "The Switchboard" each month

The Christian Education "Switchboard" is a monthly feature of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* beginning with this issue. In announcing this development, the Christian Education Department encourages every Brethren Christian education worker to be a regular reader of the *Herald*. We trust that former faithful readers of *SUCCEED* will transfer their interest to this new monthly department of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*.

Plug into "The Switchboard"

Let others benefit from your idea in successful Christian education. Each month we will publish at least two good ideas which worked in some field of Brethren Christian education. You will be awarded a five dollar gift certificate from the College Bookstore for each idea chosen for publication. In particular, we will be looking for your good ideas in the promotion of Sunday-school attendance and in the methodology of Christian education. A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your entries to Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Three in a Row for Northern Atlantic



The third championship quiz team in a row from the Northern Atlantic District.

For the third consecutive year the Northern Atlantic District emerged from annual competition as the best in the land in Brethren Bible quizzing. This is an especially impressive feat in the light of the rule making it impossible for any individual member of the team to compete in the year following national victory.

In the final contest before several thousand excited observers, a tie score was still possible after the first nineteen

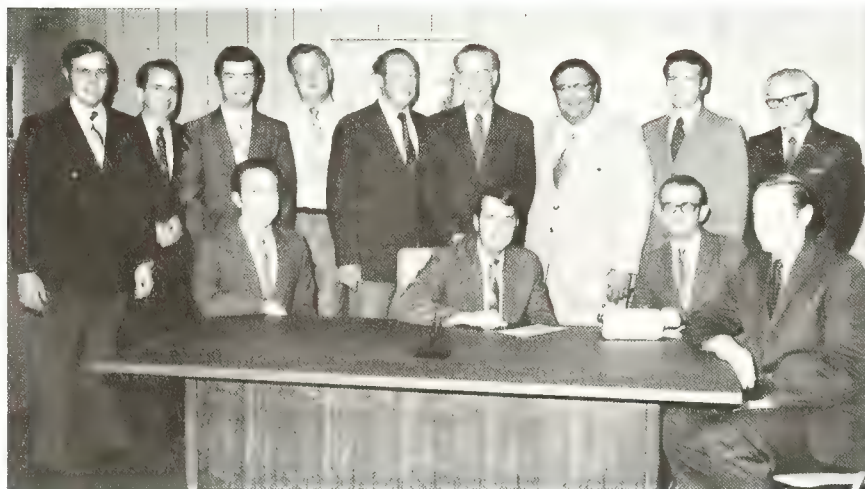
questions of the twenty-question series. A very strong and well-balanced team representing the Northeastern Ohio District had set a strong pace just ahead of semi-finalist teams representing East District and Florida District. But the highly trained youth from Northern Atlantic District jumped first for the final question and answering it correctly became the national champions of Brethren Bible quizzing.

Thirteen districts were represented in the national finals this year and those who observed carefully had nothing but praise for the skill, sportsmanship and Christian testimony of every team involved.

Members of the championship Northern Atlantic team are: Sue Green, Jane Fretz, Cindi Shenk, Esther Anthony, Dave Knepper, and Sue Skinner. Mr. Robert Rohrer is their coach. The award for the winning team will be a trip to a Brethren mission field (Puerto Rico or Hawaii) and the opportunity of serving the Lord there at the spring vacation time.

YOUTH CONFERENCE RECORD AVAILABLE

A 33-1/3 RPM Stereo record presenting echoes of the 1971 national conference youth night program will soon be released. You may order your copy for \$4.00 postpaid from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.



Board members are (left to right, standing) Dave Seifert, Galen Lingenfelter, John Terrell, William Tweeddale (Vice President), Vernon Harris, James Dixon, Ed Cashman, Knute Larson, Robert Ervin. Seated: James Custer, secretary; Howard Mayes, executive director; Clair Brickel, assistant secretary; Forrest Jackson, president. Newly elected members not pictured: Lee Dice, Roscoe Williams, Charles Thornton.

Introducing Your Board of Christian Education

The members of this board have been charged by national conference with the responsibility of serving and encouraging local Brethren churches and districts in their ministries in Christian education. We call upon all Brethren Churches to communicate freely with these men in order that the Christian Education Department may be responsive to the needs of local congregations.

Spiritual Impact Marks 1971 Youth Conference

480 Brethren Youth Jam Grace College Campus

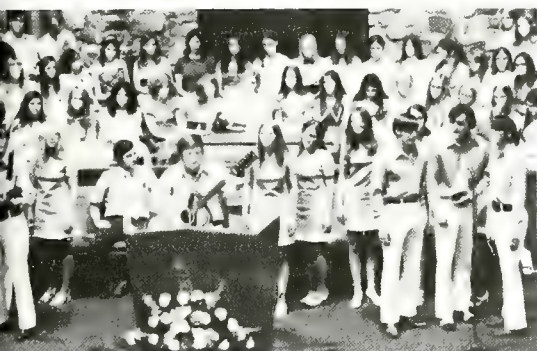
A total registered population of 480 made this the largest Brethren Youth Conference ever. But the overall evidence of spiritual impact was the most impressive part of this year's gathering. This fact is illustrated in the 201 youth who made testimony in writing of their desire to actively seek the opportunity for full-time vocational service for Christ and also in the report of 67 decisions to receive Christ reported as a result of outreach witnessing done by our youth delegates during their conference free time.

The spiritual goals and objectives were outlined months in advance and then shared with the conference staff team after being committed to the power and working of the Holy Spirit. We are convinced that the results of the minis-

try of this staff team will continue to be reflected in the youth of our Fellowship for many years to come.

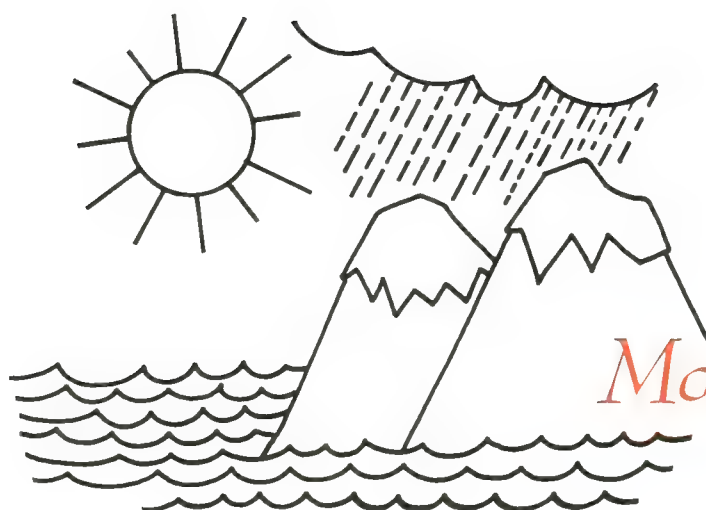
And to the youth of the Brethren Church we add this message as reprinted from the national conference youth night program: Confidentially . . . We're proud of our youth. In this day of riot, unrest, and rebellion, the Brethren Church extends a vote of confidence to "Christ-Committed" teenagers in our congregations throughout the world. The Brethren Youth Conference is dedicated to encouraging this commitment and is a ministry of: Christian Education Department—National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, P. O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

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**Jesus...
Bridge Over
Troubled
Waters**





Mountains and Valleys

It is with joy and gladness that I welcome each one of you to this 32nd Annual Conference of the National Women's Missionary Council of the Brethren Church. It doesn't seem possible that a whole year has passed since the "mountaintop" experience of our conference in Long Beach, California. It is with fond remembrance that we look back on the many happy hours and endearing friendships that came as we fellowshiped in the homes of our Brethren in California.

This has been a year of many "mountaintop" experiences. But along with these always came the "valley" experiences. Thanks be to God who always gives us the victory over even these experiences in our lives.

In one of my "valley" experiences, after having spent weeks writing letters and contacting ladies, I became very concerned with the many excuses and reasons that came from ladies throughout our Fellowship of churches for not further serving the Lord in WMC. I wondered if perhaps many of us had lost our vision of not only being Women Manifesting Christ, but missionary women as well.

Early in the spring, we had the privilege of going to one of the larger churches in our area (not NFBC) for a Sunday-school convention. I was naturally interested while touring this huge structure, when I saw a sign on one of the doors which read, "Ladies Guild Boutique." I went in, looked around at the many items marked

"For Sale," and began inquiring of the lady in charge about this boutique. These were items handmade by the ladies of this church, sold in God's House, on any day—including Sunday. Being a curious person I asked this lady what the money was used for—thinking perhaps a missionary family or just missions in general. But she told me, without hesitation, that they used the money to buy things for the pastor that the church itself couldn't afford. This was supposedly a "missionary group" (though only ten to twelve ladies came out on work night and this is a large church) who hadn't enlarged their vision beyond Jerusalem.

I came away from that place rejoicing for the WMCs of the Brethren Church and the tremendous vision we have always had for missions and our missionaries. Hence, a "valley" experience turned into a "mountaintop" one instead.

For the first time in the history of the Women's Missionary Council we have met our goal in our Operation and Publication Expenses offering. Some have rightfully described this fund as the "gas" that makes WMC go. How we praise the Lord for the faithfulness of you ladies in meeting this challenge. May we continue to meet the goal set for this fund. Another "mountaintop"!

Then, perhaps, many of you remember the burden that was mine last year for the starting of Bible classes in

our homes for our neighbors and friends who so need the message of the Word. How many of you accepted that challenge? Many have said they didn't know how, others needed the material—now you have it. This *Abundant Life* book we have just finished studying has placed in your hands and at your disposal the wherewithal to do something concrete about this great need today. During this course, you have been encouraged to establish good spiritual habits—Bible study, prayer, church attendance, witnessing, following directions, and so forth. The fruitfulness of your service for God will depend to a large degree upon your faithfulness in continuing these things. Will you now share this "abundant life" with others in the coming year?

If we then do something tangible with our challenge from last year after finishing these studies—then we'll be ready for another "mountaintop" experience as "doers of the word, and not hearers only." This has been a very interesting subject as well as informative, as I have searched and prayed for what the Lord would have me share with you. I am by nature a very impatient person, but the Lord has surely had to teach me patience in giving me these thoughts. He continues to promise "in the fullness of time."

The believer in Christ ought to exercise the utmost diligence in seeking to be obedient to the Word of God. How easy it is to hear the Word of God, and even rejoice in it and yet

fail to act upon it. There is danger also, as our Lord told the Jews of His day of "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition . . ." (Mark 7:13).

Thus James, after admonishing us to "receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls," tells us: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

God's Word is like a mirror that shows us what we really are. If we merely read the Bible, however, and make no effort to obey it and bring our lives into line with it, the teachings are of little value to us. We must not only read and hear, but *DO* what the Bible commands.

An English housewife whose husband was a heavy drinker took a picture of him with her camera one night when he came home completely befuddled. She had the picture enlarged and framed and set it next to their wedding picture on the mantle. When the husband saw the contrast between the man his wife had married and the drunk he had become, he was so ashamed and resolved never to drink again. Thus when we see ourselves in the Bible as God sees us, and live by the teachings of His Word, we are transformed into the same image from glory to glory.

If we would rightly "receive" the Word, we must have first, a quick ear—"swift to hear"—"faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). God's Word appeals to the heart more powerfully when spoken by a sincere person, than when it is read, even from the Bible itself. Second, a cautious tongue—"slow to speak." While we are under obligation to "exhort one another daily" in Hebrews 3:13, and to speak "often one to another" (Mal. 3:16), we are to be slow to speak in the sense of weighing well our words and realizing the responsibility which is attached to them. Third, a calm temper—"slow to wrath"—"For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (cf. James 1:19). Finally, a pure heart. Those who cultivate the quick ear, and the cautious tongue, and the calm temper, in connection with the purifying of the heart, prepare themselves as good soil for the implanted Word (read Luke 8:15).

James tells us that the wise "hear-

er" is a "receiver" of the Word, and then emphasizes that he is also a DOER of it. "Receiving" represents the root of the Christian life, and "doing" indicates its fruit.

Too many hearers of the Gospel are "hearers only." Some, when the service is over, seldom think of anything but going home. Others will pass a remark about the sermon or Bible study, and then forget about it. The purpose of preaching is not that the people be pleased, or for the plaudits of men, but that we might be inspired to live godly lives. Thus, many people are victims of a miserable self-deception as they regard "hearing" as the sum of Christian duty. The "hearers only" are not only on the road to spiritual ruin, but they are depriving the world from hearing of the godly life. But the wise hearer looks carefully to the things of self because he wants to know himself and because his purpose as a DOER is to help others find Christ.

SERMONS WE SEE

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one
any day;

I'd rather one should walk with me than
merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing
than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's
always clear;

And the best of all the preachers are the
men who live their creed,

For to see good put in action is what
everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me
see it done;

*God's Word is like a mirror
that shows us what we really
are. If we merely read the
Bible, however, and make no
effort to obey it, and bring our
lives into line with it, the
teachings are of little value to
us. We must not only read and
hear, but DO what the Bible
commands.*

I can watch your hands in action, but
your tongue too fast may run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very
wise and true,

But I'd rather get my lessons by ob-
serving what you do;

For I might misunderstand you and the
high advice you give,

But there's no misunderstanding how
you act and how you live.

One good man teaches man, men believe
what they behold;

One deed of kindness noticed is worth
forty that are told.

Who stands with men of honor learns to
hold his honor dear,

For right living speaks a language which
to everyone is clear.

Though an able speaker charms me with
his eloquence, I say,

I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one,
any day.

From this we learn what is insisted upon throughout the whole Bible—that the secret of true happiness, or the abundant life, or a "mountaintop" experience is obedience to the *will of God*. An obedience which makes women "*doers of the word and not hearers only*." In this coming year may it not have to be said of our women that—

THE HINDERED CHRIST

The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one
day,

To speak a word of cheer

To a soul that was weary and worn and
sad,

And freighted with doubt and fear.

He asked me for mine, but 'twas busy
quite

With my own affairs from morn till
night.

The Lord Christ wanted two hands one
day,

To do a loving deed.

He wanted two feet on an errand for
Him

To run with welcome speed.

But I had need of my own that day.

To His gentle pleading, I said Him nay.

So all that day I used my tongue,

My hands and feet I chose.

I said some bitter angry words

That hurt one heart God knows.

My hands I used in useless play

And my willing feet went a crooked
way.

And the dear Lord's work, was it left
undone,

For the lack of a willing heart?

It is through women that He speaks to
women

And each must do her part.

May God help us to be "*doers . . .
and not hearers only*."

NATIONAL WMC

Objectives and Recommendations

LOCAL OBJECTIONS

PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. IN REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY. *First choice*—the entire Bible. *Second choice*—regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. IN PRAYER. Each WMC woman a prayer warrior, using Home and Foreign Mission Prayer booklets, praying for Brethren Student Life Volunteers, and for youth in her district who have made decisions for full-time service.

3. IN PERSONAL WORK. a. Every member a witness and a soul winner. b. Encourage each woman to be active in the evangelization of youth and assist willingly in SMM, DVBS, Sunday school, children's Bible classes, young people's work, Missionary Helpers Club, and other church-sponsored youth activities. c. That each woman in each council be urged to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help and willingness to serve as patroness, assistant, or in any other capacity.

4. IN STEWARDSHIP. Each WMC member give regularly to WMC her time, talents and money as the Lord leads and prospers her.

FAMILY OBJECTIVES

IN FAMILY WORSHIP. Establishment of regular family devotions in every home.

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. IN PRAYER. Each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month (small groups, prayer chains, and so forth), using the prayer helps provided by our denomination and sent to pastors.

2. IN MONTHLY MEETINGS. A minimum of 12 meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs in the packet.

3. IN DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES. Each council should be represented at rallies and take part in district projects. This promotes individual growth and enthusiasm for the local WMC work.

4. IN OFFERINGS. (Please send all monies to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet. Make checks payable to Brethren National WMC.) a. September, October, November—Home Missions—send before December 10. Goal \$5,000—furnishings and equipment for Home Mission offices in new missions building. b. December, January, February—Grace Schools and Christian Education Department—send before March 10. Goal \$5,000. 2/3 Grace Schools—Conn Music Learning System and 1/3 Christian Education Department—expansion of youth ministries of the

Christian Education Department. c. March, April, May—Foreign Missions—send before June 10. Goal \$5,000—radio time for Argentina. d. June, July, August—WMC Operation and Publication Expenses—send before September 10. Goal \$5,000. e. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions—send anytime before June 10. We suggest a penny a day per member offering. The Brethren Home Missions Council is no longer able to secure synagogue banks. f. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC Birthday missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send before June 10.

Birthday Missionaries for 1971-72 are:

Miss Florence Bickel—Africa (retired)
Miss Grace Byron—Africa (retired)
Miss Johanna Nielsen—Argentina (retired)
Mrs. James Renick—France
Mrs. George Wallace—Brazil

RECOMMENDATIONS

TO LOCAL COUNCILS

1. That a membership renewal and consecration service be held annually (preferably in the fall), to reconsecrate members and to recognize new members.

2. To purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

(1) *It's A Woman's Privilege* by Evelyn M. Anderson

(2) *Manuel* by Hugh Steven

(3) *Another Hand on Mine* by William J. Petersen

3. That good, usable clothing be sent to the following missions: (each council being responsible for the entire expense.)

Navajo Indian Mission—Children's machine washable clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). Send Parcel Post to: Rev. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico 87018. (Use of freight not recommended.)

Taos, New Mexico—Adult and children's clothing. Send Parcel Post to: Rev. Robert Salazar, Spanish-American Mission, Box 975, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

Dryhill, Kentucky—Adult and children's clothing. Send Parcel Post to: Mr. Marvin E. Lowery, Brethren Chapel, Dryhill, Kentucky 41737.

4. That they use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

5. That the women read and use the Pen Pointers.

6. That each council plan and prepare a yearly program booklet, including such items as names and addresses of officers and members, projects, offerings (local, district and national) and their due dates, monthly program leader and hostess, and a schedule of meetings.

TO LOCAL COUNCILS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION

1. That officers be elected and begin planning in June. That they be installed in July, and take office at the close of the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1971, through June 30, 1972.

2. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

3. That the assistant secretary of each council keep the membership cards, be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs her membership card when she joins the local council.

4. That the prayer chairman keep a record of all souls saved through the efforts of WMC members. (Include all decisions made for salvation through evangelization of youth, VBS, and so forth.)

5. That the prayer chairman be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils, emphasizing the use of the Brethren booklet, *Daily Devotions*.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

DISTRICT WORK

1. Each district is encouraged to honor, with an award, those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. Each district is encouraged to recognize the SMM at a district WMC program.

3. Each district is encouraged to use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

DISTRICT OFFERINGS AND EXPENSES

1. Each district shall sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice president, Mrs. Ralph Hall, to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district.

2. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by June 30, and used as the committee in charge sees the needs.

3. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

4. Each district should pay the district president's expenses, wholly or in part, to

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The Envelope Please

By Miss Pam Walters, SMM Editor

First imagine a huge auditorium filled with the buzz and bustle of ladies and girls—oh, and of course, a few proud fathers. Everyone is wondering who will be this year's "Girl of the Year." Now they all take their seats as the program begins with a prayer.

Next is the installation of the national SMM officers. Every girl is wiggling as she anxiously waits. The tension is rising. The installation is still going on and the mothers of the contestants haven't heard a word. Each one is too busy reminiscing about her "little girl's" past. A teardrop slips down the cheek unnoticed by those surrounding her. The fathers of the contestants are still wondering how they were "ramrodded" into an auditorium of ladies, but nevertheless they are proud of their little girls. Then there are sisters and friends of the contestants wondering when that installation will ever end and the real program begin.

Then it happens. First the sound of the organ, a glance back, and there she is—the first contestant! Introducing each girl as she is escorted to the stage is Judy Ashman.

"Representing the Northeastern Ohio District we have sixteen-year-old

Peggy Robinson. Peggy's school activities include school choir, the dramatics club, and other various clubs. She has been a member of SMM seven years, and completed her personal goals three years.

"Did you ever wonder what it was like to be a librarian? Just ask Debbie Bowser, she is the Sunday-school librarian of the North Buffalo Brethren Church. She is sixteen and represents the East District.

"The girl with the sunny smile from the sunny state of California, is Miss Cheryl Lynn Harrison. Cheryl comes from Long Beach. She has been in SMM for eight years. She has also served as assistant patroness of Junior SMM. Cheryl went to Brethren High, was secretary of the scholarship society and was a top honor student there. She will be attending Grace College this fall.

"Coming from New Holland, Pennsylvania, and attending the Grace Brethren Church there is Miss Becky Russell. She is representing the Northern Atlantic District.

"Another girl who is planning on attending Grace College this fall is eighteen-year-old Susan Johnson from Garwin, Iowa. Susan attends the Carlton Brethren Church where she is the preschool kindergarten Sunday-school teacher.

"Did you ever meet a pretty girl who played chess? Well, you have now. Betty Bowman's school activities range from journalism, to speech, to chess club. She says that her greatest thrill in being a Christian is witnessing to others.

"Being a member of SMM for five-and-a-half years, Faith Stroup has had many opportunities to use her leadership abilities. Faith is from San Ysidro, and attends the Grace Brethren Church there. She is seventeen and will be a freshman at Grace College.

"Judy Walters, who will be a freshman at Grace College this fall, is seventeen years old. She's from Mansfield, Ohio, and attends the Woodville Grace Brethren Church. Judy was district vice-president and also district as-

sistant secretary. Her school activities include being in an ensemble and also being co-captain of the girls' basketball team. With all her other school activities she still maintains an "A" average. She represents the Northcentral Ohio District.

"Who wants to be a nurse? Well, Theresa Potter for one! Theresa is eighteen and comes from Dayton First Brethren Church. Being in SMM for eight years has given her the opportunity to really get involved. She has held offices of president, vice-president and secretary. Theresa represents the Southern Ohio District.

"Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Joy Mayes representing the Northwest District. Joy, who is as cute as a bird and as vibrant as a plane, is seventeen years old. She plans to attend Bob Jones University this fall."

The procession of contestants has ended and each girl and her escort is seated on the stage. Last year's "Girl of the Year" approaches the table which holds the new queen's crown, roses and trophy. Each girl's eyes are now looking with anticipation at the crown. Who will be wearing it this year?

As Miss Judy Ashman carefully opens the first envelope, each girl prepares herself, wondering if it will be her name that is called.

"The second runner-up is Miss Joy Mayes of the Northwest District."

With a sigh of relief and a beautiful smile Joy accepts her white, long-stemmed rose and steps to the side. The second envelope is opened.

"The first runner-up is Miss Betty Bowman of the Indiana District." Betty with an unusual poise and gracious smile accepts her white rose and takes her place beside Joy.

The final moment has arrived. Every remaining girl is tense with hope that the next name called will be hers.

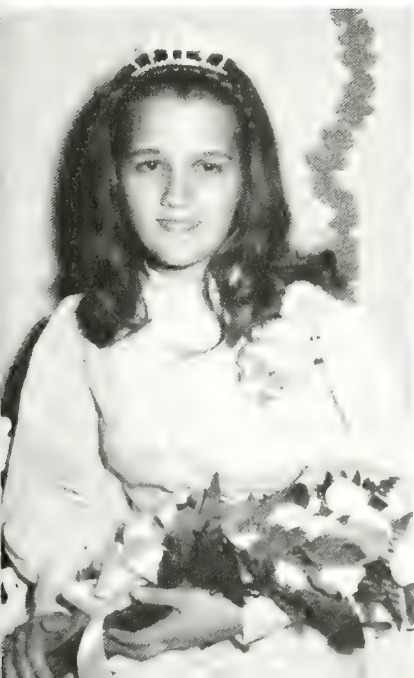
"May I have the envelope, please?"

The entire auditorium becomes silent waiting for the information of that third envelope to be revealed.

"The new 1971 SMM 'Girl of the Year' is Miss Becky Russell." A squeal of delight is heard from the Pennsylvania section of the crowd as Becky receives her crown, bouquet of white roses and trophy. A little bit shaken but still smiling the new "Girl of the

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Miss Becky Russell, SMM Girl of the Year



The Envelope Please

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Year" is seated on her throne. Well, that's the end of the ceremony but just the beginning of Becky's reign.

What did she do to deserve this title? Well . . . she has served as district vice-president twice and is now district president. She is presently serving as the Little Sisters Patroness in her church. Along with other activities Becky assists with the church music program. Her school activities include choir, school musicals, and children's play productions. She also maintains an "A" average in school. She has been in SMM for eight years and completed Bible reading for four years. She says she can memorize well and this is evidenced by her completion of memorization goals for eight years. Becky feels that the Lord has called her to be a medical missionary and I'm sure that that good memory of hers will be of use in memorizing formulas and prescriptions.

Congratulations, Becky, and may God use you especially this year for His glorification and honor.—*Pamela Walters, National SMM Editor*

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WMC Objectives . . .

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national conference.

5. Each district should give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

6. Each district shall contribute annually to the National Operation and Publication Expenses. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by January 30.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

1. The district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

2. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our objectives and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

3. The retiring district president is to write a four-minute achievement report which is to be presented by the new president or representative, at the national board meeting.

4. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary, Mrs. Gerald Kelley, by July 10.

5. The district president shall represent her district on the national WMC board at national conference. If she is unable to attend, a representative should be sent in her place.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — DECEMBER — 1971

AFRICA

Miss Mary Cripe December 5
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Joyce Louise Garber December 16, 1964
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
John Paul Garber December 16, 1964
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Mrs. Donald F. Miller December 27
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

Robert James Cover, Jr. December 9, 1959
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almaguer, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.
Rev. E. Nelson Fay December 15
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almaguer, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.
Mrs. Clark W. Miller December 25
Bartolome Mitre 2370, Jose Marmol, F.C.G.R., Pcia. de Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL

Rev. Ralph R. Schwartz December 14
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

EUROPE

Ryan Douglas Peugh December 21, 1968
c/o Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
Philip Lyle Peugh December 29, 1970
c/o Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

HAWAII

Mrs. Foster Tresise December 14
95-303 Waioni St., Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786.

MEXICO

Rev. Walter Haag December 4
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Disciplined living is farsighted. It counts the cost for a tomorrow in committing even a so-called small sin today.

Produce Your Cause

By Althea S. Miller

Strange as it may seem, "discipline" is not a dirty word. Contrary also to common fallacy, active discipline is not necessarily synonymous with punishment, although it can be. If one honestly understands the concept of discipline in relation to living, it may be easier to stay out of life's deficit column.

Discipline comes at man from two different sources—inside and outside. The greater the inner motivation (remember last month's discussion?) to rule one's own spirit, to live on the level of the Beatitudes enunciated by Jesus Christ (Matt. 5), the less likely or frequently the need for discipline from without. Often when the latter is necessary there are overtones of punishment designed to curb harmful self-will. Discipline springing from within is usually creative.

Disciplined living is farsighted. It counts the cost for a tomorrow in committing even a so-called small sin today. Before capitulating to weakness it considers consequences and alternatives, then by God's enabling, chooses His disciplined way.

Deficit living is myopic and selfish. It looks only on today and caters chiefly to the flesh. This sometimes in the name of "it's for the best"! Like the Christian couple who decide they can't (or won't?) work out their marital difficulties and stay together because *they* are being destroyed as individuals by their incompatibilities. Never a serious thought about subjecting their children to the traumatic experience of a divided home and loyalties. No consideration of working through the incompatibilities toward creative solutions. That's too demanding a job. Totally lacking in concern for the testimony of Jesus Christ. Talk about deficit living!

Accepting suffering and loss for the Truth is a facet of disciplined living. Christians have the assurance that

God's righteousness will have the ultimate victory over sin (Rom. 8:18-31). God's protective canopy hovers over the believer when the storms of falsehood and deceit swirl around his head. On a recent day of incredibly false accusation, my Father reminded me: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper [although it may appear so at the moment]; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 54:17). O Lord, how great Thou art!

Disciplined living is fair. Nobody is ever always right. Not even you. Be honest. Nobody is ever always wrong. Not even you. Be humble.

Disciplined persons fight the good fight of faith and recognize the responsibility to "...earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3) without being contentious. Contention belongs in the deficit column because it does not follow the ways of peace. Within the joyous bounds of creative discipline you will teach and love the Truth consistently. Not an on-again, off-again fight; not shedding the armor of God when its gentle restrictions become rather cumbersome and heavy. Consistently.

Paul said: "I am set for the defence of the gospel," so make no apologies for its defense. Just remember that the Gospel also needs a godly, aggressive presentation by life. That's so "men... may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). The disciplined life is balanced.

Jesus taught that the disciplined life denies self and the call of the flesh—not God's power. God will not share His glory with another. It soars above

problems by the power of God's Spirit, routing the Adversary by shouting:

"Faith, mighty faith the promise sees

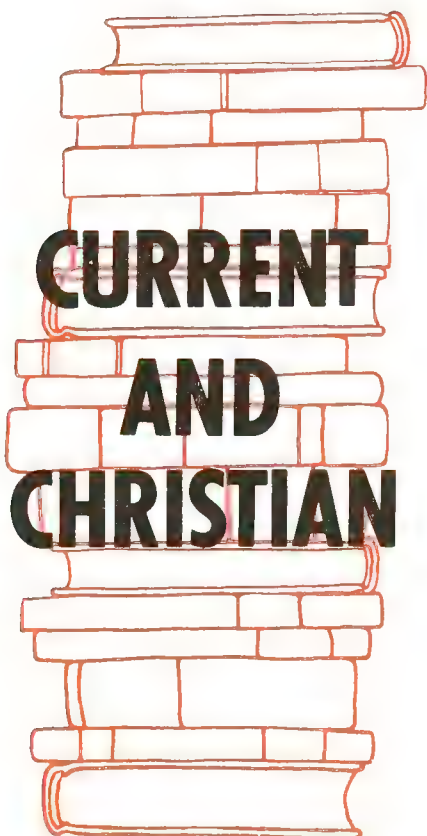
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries it shall be done."

Deficit living defeats God's highest purposes because He will not force His will on you. It coddles self. "I can't," "I won't," "I'm not prepared" are some of its hallmarks. Small wonder that God's work so often limps along, all the while Satan taunts, Where is your God? He must be asleep or dead.

Deficit living is often punctuated with "I-wish-I-had, I-wish-I-hadn't" language. Always regrets. I know it's human to have regrets. It seems next to impossible to live every day equal to its demands and opportunities; to be sinless in every thought, word and deed. But when the "I-wish-I-had, I-wish-I-hadn't" syndrome becomes second nature, some character warping is bound to occur. We seem reluctant to learn the truth of the once popular song: "Wishing won't make it so."

Easy wishing robs the human spirit of its daring; the absence of do-or-die for Jesus Christ and His cause, much less your cause, becomes a glaring reality. The "I-wish-I-had" individual sees inherent problems before recognizing potentials in people and circumstances. Only eternity will reveal the incredible losses to the cause of righteousness on earth because of myopic faith.

Consider your present stance. Which side of the ledger are you on today? You're either a disciplined follower of Jesus Christ with His power making you a productive representative of His salvation, or a defeated disciple living on the deficit side of life. Why don't you judge your situation before your Father is forced to? Produce Your Cause!



In changing the format of *Current and Christian*, our purpose is to cover a wider range of books. This will not be an attempt to analyze the books in detail as much as it is to acquaint you with what is new on the Christian market and to make some general observations and recommendations. My experience as a pastor often placed me in the position of discovering at a late date some gem in the reading realm that I should have met much earlier. So, to the people in the pew and the pastor behind the pulpit, may this new approach to the world of books be a service to you.

Let's start this survey with a Brethren author, Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., of Grace Schools who has a new book, *Ephesians, The Glory of the Church*, Moody Press, paper, 95¢. This is in the Everyman's Bible Commentary Series. Tim Lahaye's book, *Spirit Controlled Temperaments* found wide acceptance. He is back with a new one *Transformed Temperaments*, Tyndale House, \$1.95, in which he further illustrates these temperaments with four Biblical personalities—Peter, Paul,

Abraham and Moses.

In the preface of a new book of prayer poems, *Words Are No Good If The Game Is Solitaire*, Word, \$2.95, there is the mention of carrying a prayer poem book, "out of the store in a brown paper bag." I have a better suggestion concerning Herbert B. Banks, Jr.'s, book . . . that you do not carry it out of the store at all. Some of his humorous poetry will miss a major share of the populus. A good suggestion for the use of that money you just saved is *Dare To Discipline*, Tyndale House, by Dr. James Dobson, \$3.95. This book is gaining wide acceptance among educators and parents. A full review of the book may be found in the July 10, 1971 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, p. 22.

For the serious student of the Bible, Moody Press has a new release, *A Call to Readiness—The Thessalonian Epistles*. This is a commentary by D. Edmond Hiebert of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California. The format matches *Daniel and Revelation* by John F. Walvoord and *Ezekiel* by Feinberg. I do hope that Moody continues to pursue this concept. They have the beginnings of an outstanding conservative commentary. Pastors, skip a couple lunches to get this one—cost \$6.95.

For the many Francis A. Schaeffer fans there is a new offering. It is entitled, *The Church Before the Watching World*, IV Press in paper, \$1.25. It deals with the matter of doctrinal

purity in the church. Much has been written about Bishop Pike, the secular and religious press have voiced their opinion. Tyndale has a 115 page paperback, *The Haunting of Bishop Pike*. Written by Merrill F. Unger who deals with demonism and other spiritualistic phenomena. With the popularity of this subject of the occult, Unger gives some very enlightening reading.

Let me conclude this column with a personal word about reading. Travel and reading are two of the better methods of broadening our horizons. They tend to impart new information and help shape our thoughts. What we read, see and hear will be a practical influence on our decisions. The best reading is the Word of God and it should come first. Then good Christian books should be next on the list. How refreshing it is to find someone who has just discovered a fresh outlook on an old truth. They have been lifted from the rut of mental stagnation to a walkway of exploration. I hope that we have stimulated your thinking in our visit today—CWT

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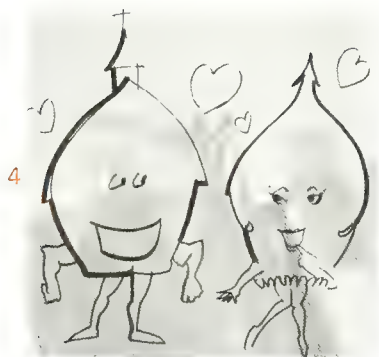
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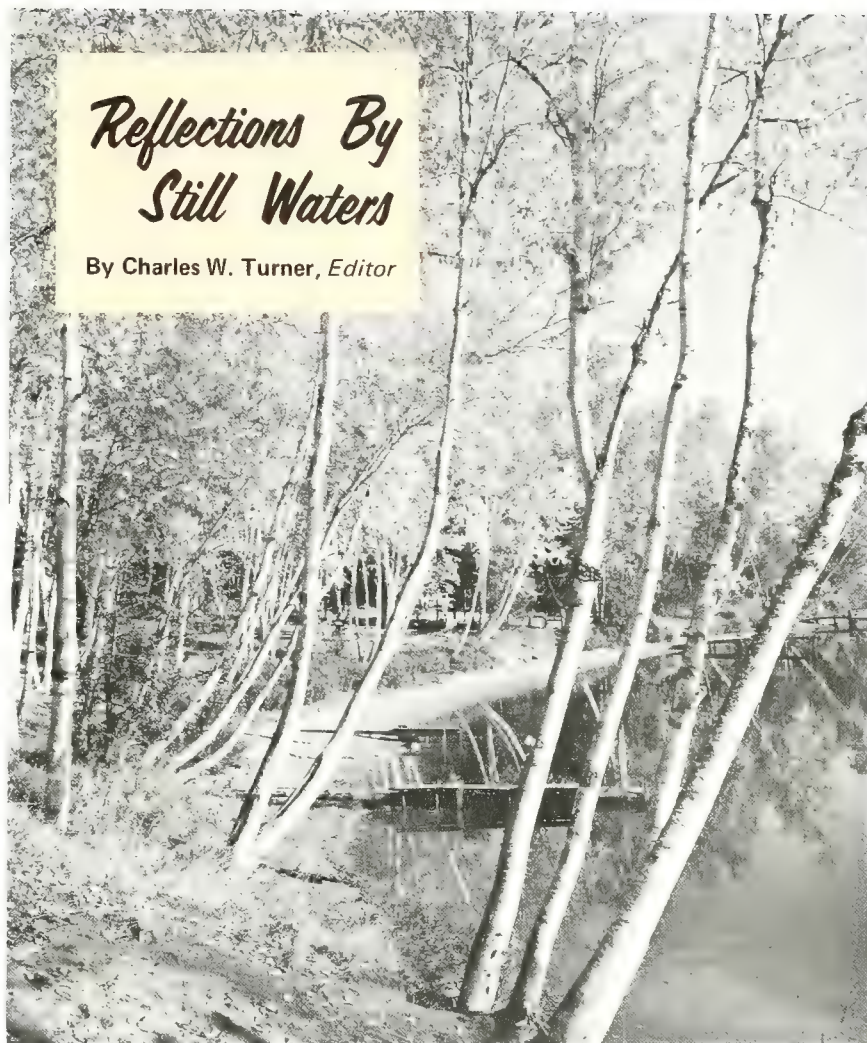
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Thoughts on the Death of a "Giant"

This month another national magazine, *Look*, will discontinue publication—and cease to be. This continues a trend that has not seen its completion. It is not my intention to pass on the merits or demerits of the publication as a basis of its survival. Many could well argue the fact that it had no real right of existence anyway, and they could be correct. My area of interest lies in the fact that it is difficult to keep any type of publication going and keep it solvent. For the records—*Look* magazine lost \$10,000,000 in the last 30 months. At the same time it was printing at least 6,500,000 copies. Part of the problem was a proposed postal increase of 142 percent in the next 5 years.

Now why should an editor of a Christian magazine, with a mere circulation of 10,000 copies, be interested in the fall of such a secular "giant"? The major reason is that the same problems that face the "giants" of the publishing industry face the smaller denominational publications. Increasing postal rates and production costs are very much a part of our everyday life when it comes to keeping the magazine going. During the past months, we have talked to others who assume like positions in their area of religious printing. The deficits are mounting in all of the operations. It might be of interest to you to know that in the past three years it has cost \$21,214.37 more to print our magazine than has been collected. Or to put it into business terms there was a loss of that much money. This was on the basis of one-quarter of a million dollars volume. We receive money from subscriptions and from the boards who use the pages of the *Herald*. These sources of income have not covered our cost of operation.

What is the answer to our problem? Obviously, the answer is not in subscription rate increases because each time rates are raised the number of subscriptions fall. The answer is found in some form of subsidy to the magazine—which in our case takes the form of offerings and profits from the sales



Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner, Editor

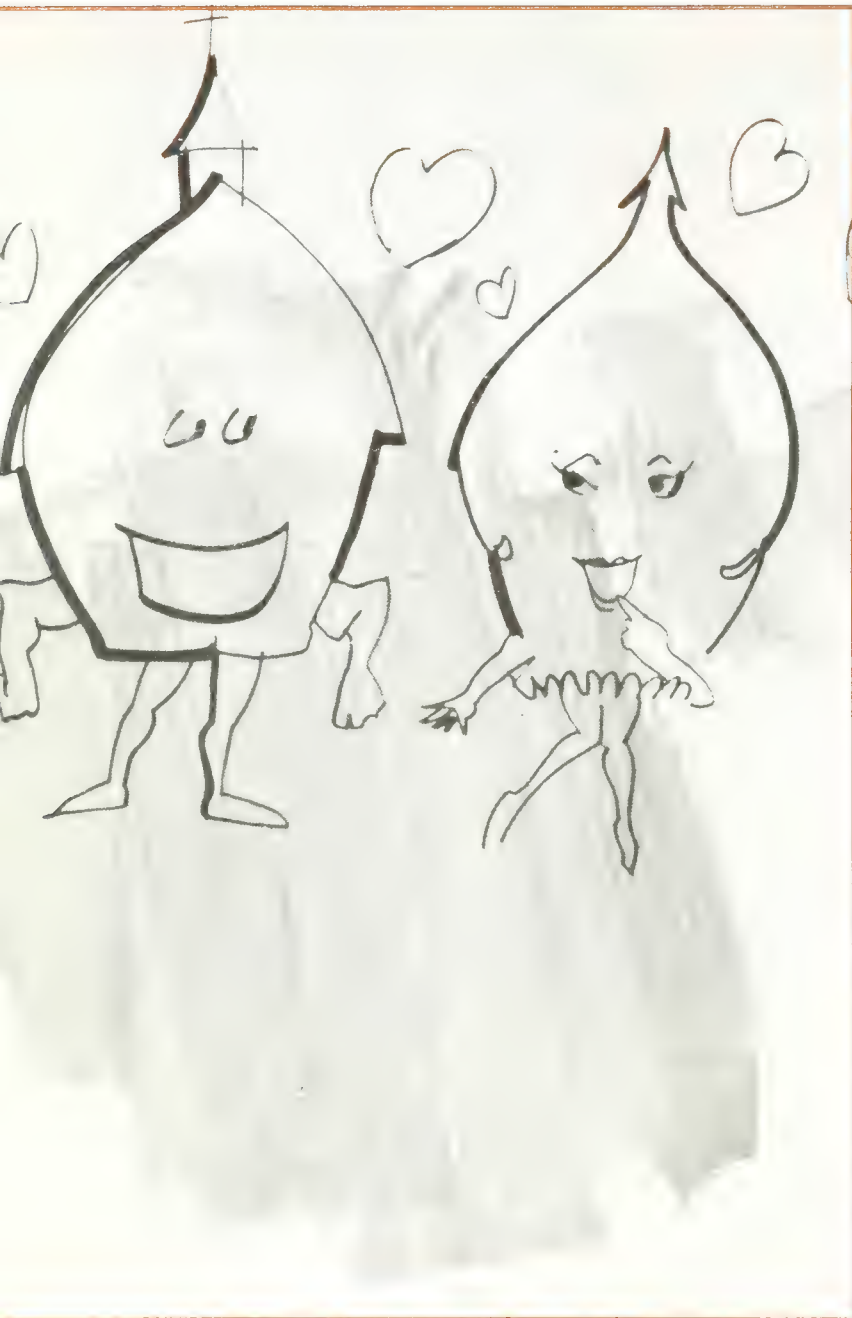
of Sunday-school literature and books.

We are calling your attention to the problems of printing because you are part of the whole picture of the distribution of the Word of God by means of the printed page. This is not a cry of alarm or distress because the Lord has been very good to us this year. He has helped to make it possible to meet the financial needs of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. The Lord has blessed through His people as well, and the offerings have been very good.

May we share with you some of the philosophy of the Herald Company? We are most anxious to be a service organization to our Fellowship. To bring you quality material of which you will not be ashamed. The four-color work on the magazine is one of the more evident results of this move. The printing division, BMH Printing, has done a good job in this area. But quality is not enough. The publication must be true to the Word of God or it will not have lasting value. We are glad

to be able to bring you information about the work of education and missions as well as pertinent facts regarding other programs in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. But we also feel a deep need to give you some devotional material to help supply your spiritual needs—articles that tell you the simple gospel message, and articles that talk about growth and spiritual development. These are "musts" in order to give balance to the *Herald* magazine.

Pray with us for the printed page. As we continue to hear of mounting problems regarding secular and religious magazines, we are constrained to ask for prayer that wisdom may be granted to us to handle the affairs of business in such a way that all will be pleasing to our Lord in all ways—at all times. We want to give you a quality magazine because we believe that God wants His work done in the best and most efficient manner. Thanks for reflecting with us on this area of the Lord's work.



A cooperative effort between The Brethren Home Missions Council and the district mission board has helped to establish churches in three key areas of Southern California. With such a pressing need, the "united way" is the only way to go.

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Recently, three mission points in the Southern California-Arizona District—Simi, Rowland Heights and Grand Terrace—became a part of the National Brethren Home Missions program. In the past these churches had been under the care and concern of the district, but since the objective of the district mission board and The Brethren Home Missions Council is identical, a cooperative effort seemed wise. Rev. Robert Thompson, our western field secretary, maintains a western office in Long Beach and these facilities became immediately accessible to the district.

The primary advantage of such a decision precludes a duplication of personnel. In a day when the cost of church development is increasing so rapidly a conservation of resources is of great necessity.

The great significance of such a union is the opportunity of the district mission board to give itself to the task of exploration and research. In a rapidly developing area such as Southern California the planning and subsequent involvement is of utmost importance. With population centers springing up throughout the southland utmost care must be experienced in selecting points of greatest potential. It is at this point that the district mission board can make its greatest contribution. The acquaintance of the board with the community enhances the possibility of a strategic location of a new work.

Not to be minimized in the new relationship is the availability of financial resources of the Brethren Investment Foundation. Where previously churches were financed locally, now the resources of the BIF are available and the fragmented efforts in acquiring loans for such projects have been eliminated.

Under the new "united way" some definite moves are to be noted. A full-time pastor is now on the field at Grand Terrace, California. Since assuming this new position, Rev. Richard Baldwin has made some significant changes in the facility.

UNITED WAY"

An attractive auditorium has been completed on the first floor and with some minor changes and a lovely lighted sign the exterior has taken on a new appearance. Not to be outdone Pastor Harold Painter reports some interesting developments at Rowland Heights. This church located in the rapidly developing "Diamond Bar" community, just off the Parnona Freeway, has likewise undergone some physical changes. Although the group is meeting in an existing house on their property the removal of some of the partitions has enabled them to accommodate their growing congregation.

In Simi, the small but functional facility is now filled to capacity. Pastor John Gillis is currently working with his building committee in planning for the new addition. With the opening of the new freeway on the Santa Suzanna Mountain the lovely Simi Valley is destined for unprecedented growth.

Through the combined efforts a new work has just gotten underway at Hemet, California. Rev. James Ament accepted the call to pioneer this new work and started his full-time ministry on August 15, 1971. You will be getting more information about this work when your Minute-Man letter arrives.

In going the "united way" The Brethren Home Missions Council has assumed a much larger financial burden. It is expected that the offerings formerly used for district mission support will be directed to The Brethren Home Missions Council to help in meeting this combined need for the ten mission-church programs now in progress.

It is obvious that church growth today is not the result of the effort of any single individual or organization but rather the final result of many working together. In the complex and sophisticated society any successful program will be contingent upon many gifts and talents. Every one must work together to achieve our common goal—extending the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Brethren Church in America. The "united way"—the only way to go.

By Robert W. Thompson
Western Field Director



Simi



Rowland Heights



Grand Terrace

America's young people will no longer be "Guinea Pigs" in a confused society's experiments. On their own they are searching for the truth, for reality in Christianity, and for a spiritual dynamic in their lives.

Our government is spending annually 597 billion dollars through the Health, Education and Welfare Department. These funds are being spent on everything from killing rats to finding a cure for cancer. This department, responsible for the development of new methods of contraceptives, sex education, and other social amenities, has contributed immeasurably to the promiscuousness of the day. The promotion of the "pill" has widely encouraged premarital sex among young people.

The communistic philosophy being spread by Marxist teachers in our universities abetted by "revolutionaries" has incited a rebellion against every moral standard of our day. The theater, TV, and other news media have spearheaded the "moral revolution." Pornographic literature and entertainment once illegal and scorned is now upheld by our courts and is gradually being accepted by our society.

By Lester E. Pifer



*Youthful, vibrant witness of
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of every church we build.*

The American school system is almost devoid of discipline. The explorations and experimentation of new methods in education have exploited the minds of our young. A recent conference at the White House set before our President the facts that our youth cannot read, write and have little knowledge of discipline and respect for their leaders. Forced integration, bussing, social pressure on teachers, extended strikes of teachers have left utter confusion in the minds of the young. What will be the product of this educational era?

Satan has directed his forces in an attack upon the church per se. Every religious poll taken in this last year indicated a major trend away from the organized church. Apostate ministers have deviated from the call of God to enter every realm of protest that marches down the street. A proven Marxist college professor teaches revolution, engineers a murder in court, and flees in blazing guns. When finally tracked down and placed in custody, a prominent Chicago minister enlists support and encourages church funds to bring pressure to see her released.

Many of our American youth, bewildered, confused, have lost faith in the church. They look with disdain upon a faltering apostate church and clergy and begin their search for "another religion." Spiritism, satanic manifestations, false teachers and cults provide fruitful ground in their search.

American young people will no longer be used as "Guinea Pigs" for the experimentation of a confused society. Innocently, vast numbers of young people have joined communes all over this nation determined to set a new way of life. Disease, drugs, illegitimacy, immorality, atheism and unsanitary conditions often characterize these movements. Being in rebellion against "the establishment," such groups become prey to insane addicts, communistic revolutionaries and can be stampeded into terrible acts of

violence and destruction. The Manson case in California is a classic illustration.

We must face the fact that methods of evangelism, church building, and missionary work must be altered, changed and aligned to cope with this growing mission field. Bible believing churches and missionary organizations must face the challenge of this day just as William Carey, Hudson Taylor or James Gribble did in their day. Our nation is no more sinful, no farther away from God, nor any more rebellious to the truth than the heathen of the past.

God's power, His willingness to save, the manifestation of His grace are just as strong and effective as in that day. Discerning young people are searching for the truth, for reality in Christianity, and for a spiritual dynamic for their lives. The line between the false and the true, between the apostate church and the true, Bible believing church is being drawn more clearly each day. The Gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." (Rom. 1:16).


Young people are always challenged by action. Why not present the claims of Christ, straight from the Word of God on the subjects of sin, repentance, saving faith and see the power of God administered by the Holy Spirit? What greater transformation can we find than the "washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost"? (Titus 3:5). "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Ps. 119:9). Here is God's answer for the problem of sin, the decision between right and wrong, and the antidote for the aching lonely heart.

The Apostle Paul spoke clearly to the young man Timothy on what was expected from him following his conversion. "Let no man despise thy youth: but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in

charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12). Our young people need to be instructed to follow the Word, to be living epistles of God's work in human flesh (read II Cor. 3:2-3). The Bible admonishes them to give attention to its teaching, to use their gifts, to carefully evaluate God's plan and purpose for their lives, all of which lies within the scope and ministry of the church (cf. I Tim. 4:13-16). Jesus said: "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). And as in the case of young Timothy, Christ will build His church using young, energetic and dedicated lives to accomplish the task (read I Tim. 4:6).

The wise man in the Proverbs says: "My son, ... Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:1, 5-6). The conversion and call of the youth to Christian service can mean the answer to America's spiritual dilemma. Youthful, vibrant witnesses of the truth ought to be the goal of every church we build. Yielded American youth will provide the answer to needed missionaries for the whole world.

During this past year, two young men were hitchhiking into town. Being brought up in a home where the family attended a liberal church, they were amazed to find their gracious black host going to a Bible class in Fremont, Ohio. As typical young people, these white youths accepted the challenge to attend the Bible group. Confronted with the pure truth of the Word and the promise of God's transforming power, they yielded their lives to Christ. In the weeks which followed they bore a positive testimony to their parents. Now, the whole Curtis family knows the real joy of salvation.

Here is the story of home missions in action, the answer to the plight of American youth and parents. 

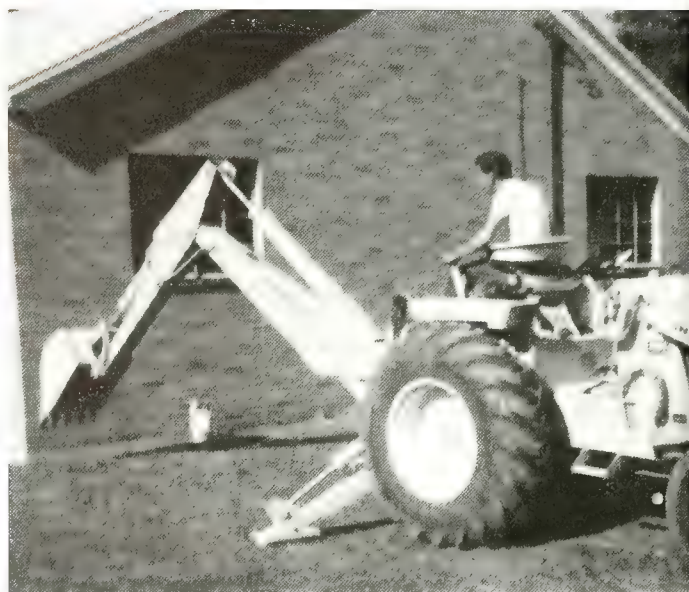
When it comes to building growing churches . . .

You Need to Add to Multiply

By Rev. Marion Thomas
Pastor, Fremont, Ohio



Mr. Richard Smith spent many hours in the building program.



A backhoe replaced the shovel at the August 17 ground-breaking service.

"Addition" has been the key word in the development of the Grace Brethren Chapel at Fremont, Ohio. It has been addition in attendances, addition in souls won for Christ, addition in property, and now addition in facilities.

The addition in attendance started after the first service held on the third Sunday in November 1969. On this particular Sunday we started at the *zero* mark and the following Sunday added eleven. From that date to the present time attendance record after attendance record has been broken. The largest regular service attendance to date was Easter Sunday with 130 present. Then came Vacation Bible School and on the final day the attendance figures added up to 167. The attendances have been consistently running over the 100 mark.

The addition in attendance has shown up with additions to the Body of Christ. I have no way of knowing

the total number of people who have come to accept Christ through personal work, the Ron Picard ministry, VBS, and through the Bible classes. My closest estimate would be near the two-hundred mark in the less than two years since that *zero* day in November 1969.

One of the valuable additions has been the reaching of the Valdean Curtis family for Christ. Mr. Curtis is a registered architect-engineer and is now being used to meet a very real need the Lord knew we would have in the tremendous blessings He has been showering upon us.

It was soon beginning to be apparent that the little one-room chapel was just not going to do the job. But then there was seemingly no property for expansion. This meant just one thing—"addition" of property—and the Lord had already taken care of this need. There was a vacant lot on one side of the chapel and a house and lot

on the other. These two properties were made available to the church and were purchased in May of this year. The acquisition of property added to the value of the church lot in the middle and at the same time has made it possible to plan ahead for the next addition—the annex.

The fact that the Lord saved the architect-engineer, Mr. Val Curtis, before we even had property, is an indication of His blessing upon the work and how He prepares to meet the future needs. When the adjoining properties were made available and secured, it was in the minds of our people to immediately begin plans for additional facilities. The Lord had His man already, and Mr. Curtis has worked closely with Rev. Ralph C. Hall of Brethren Architectural Service in the formulating of plans for a 40 by 40 educational annex to the rear of the present building.

Stakes were driven on Monday

morning, August 16, 1971, and the ground was broken for the latest addition in the progression of the work here. The traditional hand shovel was replaced by a powered earth mover to take advantage of every moment due to the short time remaining for good outside building weather and also due to the urgent need to have the facility for use in the work here.

We have projected a goal to have the new annex ready for dedication on the second anniversary of the starting of the services, which would be November 21. Much of the work is to be done by volunteers from our group, and the work is progressing very nicely. In the short time prior to starting the building program our group had accumulated over \$1,000 in the building fund to get the project under way. Our projected cost for the building is \$22,000.

The Northcentral Ohio District Mission Board and The Brethren Home Missions Council are making it possible for us to have this annex, and our people are responding to the challenge to assume the financial responsibility with the BIF. We have the promises of labor and materials that will keep our cost to a minimum, enhance the total picture, and make it possible to provide for even a greater outreach ministry.

The progress that has been reviewed for you here has been done on only a part-time ministry as far as the pastor has been concerned. As of August 1, 1971, Pastor Thomas started to give full time to the work. Prior to this he lived in Bowling Green, Ohio, and commuted, but now the Thomases live within a few blocks of the church.

We give all glory to God for what has happened at the Grace Brethren Chapel. It has been thrilling to see Him work in and through our group here.

*Set your goal
to be on target
for a record Home
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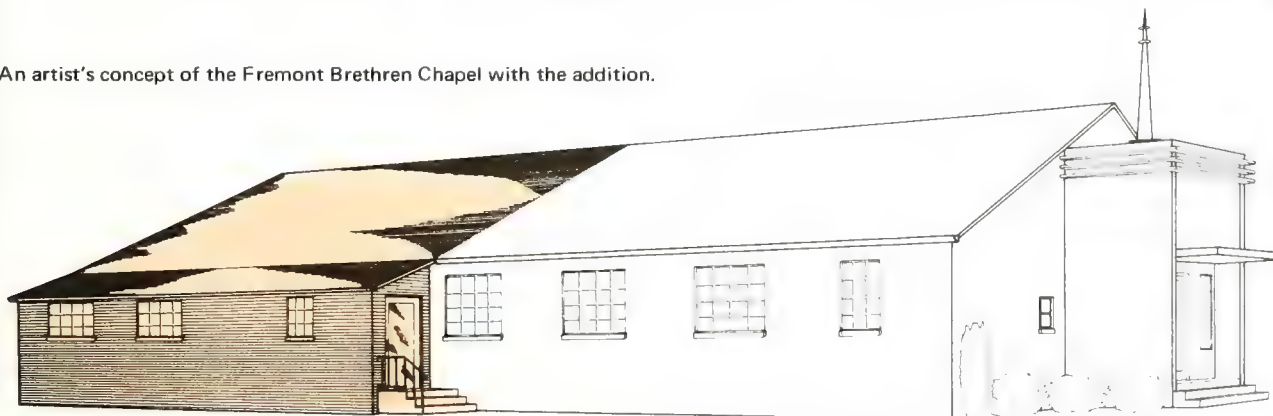
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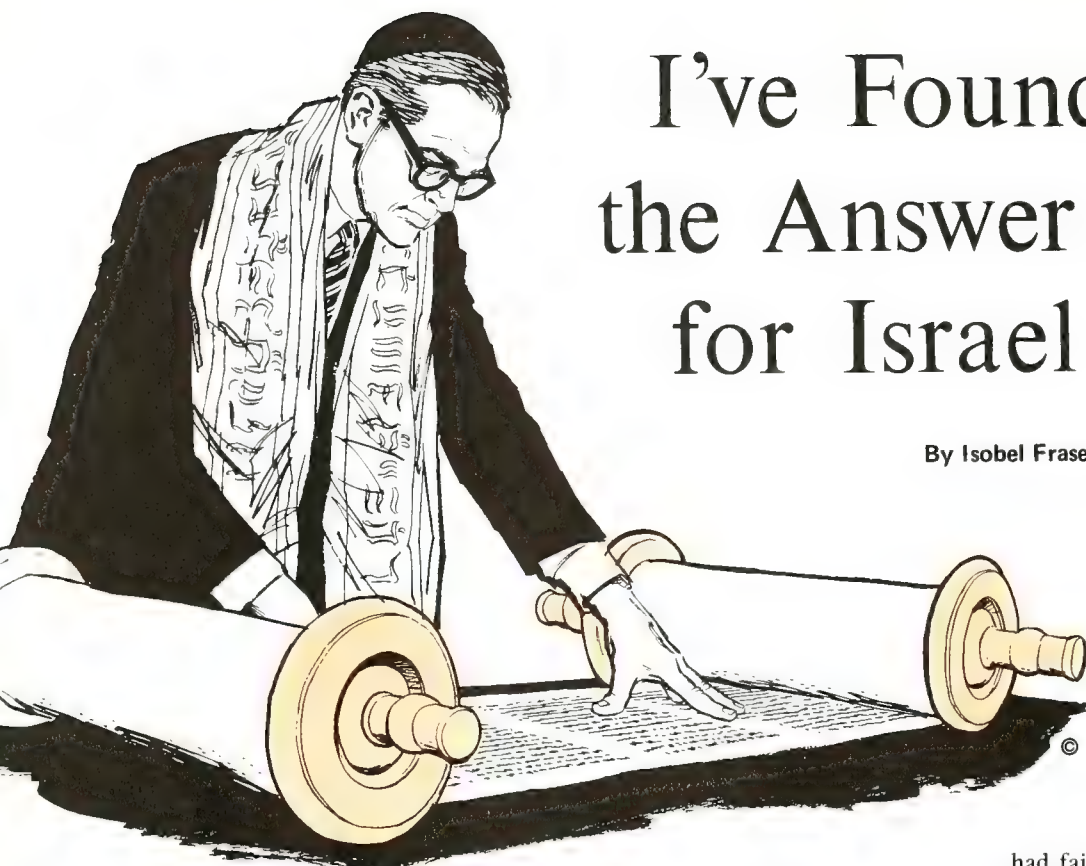
We would ask you to pray with us that we will be able to report many, many more "additions."

(Editor's note: Pastor Thomas does a good job of communicating with The Brethren Home Missions Council office. The letters usually begin something like this: "Yesterday we had many blessings. There was one who came to Christ in the morning service and two fine teenage girls in the evening." "We praise the Lord for yesterday's blessings. From Sunday through

Sunday we received in offerings nearly \$1,000 for the building and other funds." "We continue to rejoice in the blessings of God. A young man came to Christ in the Sunday morning service." "This coming Sunday evening we have several more to baptize." "I feel sure the Lord led in reopening the Chapel here with the many souls saved and other things that prove it." We, too, believe that you are in for many more "additions" to the Grace Brethren Chapel, Fremont, Ohio.—FJP)

An artist's concept of the Fremont Brethren Chapel with the addition.





I've Found the Answer - for Israel

By Isobel Fraser

The theme of national conference comes to my mind time and again—"I've Found the Answer!" What a joy and thrill to have the answer for one's own relationship to God and for life. As was the challenge of conference based on this fact, the next joy is that of sharing the ANSWER with others; and for me—especially with the Jewish people.

The following are a few incidents that occurred before leaving for conference as I sought to share the Gospel with the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

P— has been attending quite regularly our evening Bible class and the monthly discussion meeting. Her interest was evidenced not only by the questions she asked but some remarks made in discussions.

To talk with her specifically about her relationship to Christ, I asked her to go to lunch with me one day. When I arrived at the home where she rooms, she had lunch prepared for me instead.

Just at the time we were engaged in a spiritual discussion her landlady returned from grocery shopping.

Though this closed that session, P— wanted to continue our talk. So, we got into SaMM II and drove to a shady, quiet place to do so. The Gospel was presented to her from Isaiah and Romans. Although she was not ready to make a decision, we had prayer together. Just before leaving for conference, I was delighted when she responded to our offer of a Bible for anyone who did not possess one.

"Where's Ann today?" one of the members of the blind class asked. "Ann?" I asked, "Who is she?" "Ann N—, she attended last month." After a few more proddings I remembered. In the rush of preparation for our last meeting before conference, I had forgotten this dear Jewess who had attended for the first time the previous month.

A few days later I learned that she had felt she was not wanted because I

had failed to contact her. My plan had been to visit with her and explain; now is must be done immediately.

She very graciously received me and accepted my apology. The circumstances led easily into a discussion of the Word and the presentation of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit had prepared her heart to make a decision. She hesitated at first because she said she would not be able to tell her family that she believed in Christ. I challenged her to accept Jesus and trust Him to help her with her family. She then prayed and asked Him to come into her heart.

Pray that this blind Jewess will grow in the Lord and be bold in her confession of faith, especially to her family.

B— told me of a Jewess that she had just met and who was very despondent. She told her about me, and F— was willing for me to call on her.

F—, a widow, had just moved here a few weeks previous from Texas and was living in a Guest Home until she felt able to assume the responsibilities of an apartment. We made a date to go out for coffee. At the restaurant I

listened as she shared the unhappiness in her life. I had the answer and through the Four Spiritual Laws for Jewish people showed her God's love and plan that would meet her need.

She was not ready then to make a decision but came that night to our Bible class. Later she told me that the night of the meeting was the first time she had slept through the night in a long time. She came to all the Bible class meetings until we left for conference.

There is an effervescence about this dear Jewess. Though almost totally blind, R— always seems happy and to enjoy life. She had just recently begun to attend our bimonthly blind class. Then she went out of town for about a month to visit her family in Chicago. Calling in her home one evening, I was most warmly received. I had understood that her sister was a Christian. I soon learned that she was a pseudo-Christian, a believer in Unity. This opened the door to a discussion of the

true way to worship God and what it means to be a Christian.

She was willing for me to present God's plan of salvation and when shown how to make a decision, called upon the Lord Jesus and asked Him to save her from her sins.

She shared with me her concern for a young Jewess who has been helping her and expressed a desire for me to talk with her, too. R— promised to send for the Bible on records to help her grow in the grace and knowledge of her Messiah.

"I have been trying to get in touch with you. I would like to see you before I return to Israel about June 27." This message on a postcard was forwarded from my old address. I was overjoyed, for this Orthodox Jewess, a former neighbor, had been on my mind and in my prayers especially the past few weeks.

As I journeyed to the Valley to visit her, I prayed for leading to really be able to present the Gospel to her.

After a time of chitchating and just talking about Israel and the Bible, I asked if she had ever heard of the "Four Spiritual Laws"? Giving her a copy of the Jewish version, we began to read. After the first law, she closed the tract but allowed me to finish reading it to her. The prayer to the Lord Jesus? NEVER!

But, the Gospel was given and even a discussion on the Trinity. In fact, S— pointed out the Trinity in the tabernacle: holy of holies, holy place and court! May the seed sown in the past and watered again be brought to fruition as she lives in Israel and sees the Scriptures fulfilled.

Although there was no opportunity to read it with them, her husband and eldest son accepted copies of the "Four Spiritual Laws."

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

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Church News

NOTICE: The next issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* will be the *Brethren Annual*. It will be dated October 30, 1971. Additional copies will be made available at no cost to pastors and church secretaries. Address your request to the Herald Co.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. A red-letter day, packed full of blessings, was recently enjoyed by friends and members of Brookville Grace Brethren Church. Pastor Noel Gaiwaka spoke at the Sunday-school hour; a groundbreaking service for the new educational wing was witnessed after the morning worship service; there was a baptismal service for six converts; and the pastor and his wife treated those present at the evening service to punch and cake in honor of their 29th Wedding Anniversary. Pastor Brickel began his tenth year of ministry at the Brookville church.

ALTOONA, PA. "The First Brethren Church is now in their fifth month with their new pastor, and the highlight of this period was reached at the Sunday evening service of Aug. 29. That night the pastor baptized 13 people, and the following Sunday all of these were received into the membership of the church. Pray that God will continue to bless in His work here in Altoona. With thanks to God for what He has already accomplished"—Marvin Meeker, pastor.

DEFIANCE, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strunk, both graduates of Grace College and both teachers in the Defiance public schools, were honored on Sunday evening, Aug. 8, in a surprise reception in recognition of their faithfulness to the local church. They are now residents of Silver Spring, Md., where Mr. Strunk is teaching in the public schools this year. A gift of money was presented to them as an evidence of appreciation of their faithful services in our midst. Refreshments were served as a fitting climax to a delightful time of fellowship. John McKay, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. A unique way of sharing a gospel message was demonstrated recently at the midweek service with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lotz as special guests. Mr. Lotz is the owner of a pottery shop in Tucson, Ariz. As Mr. Lotz delivers his message, his wife uses an old-fashioned Potters kick wheel to form several pieces of pottery. John Aeby, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Fifteenth Anniversary Sunday was July 18 for the Gay Street Brethren Church. Mr. William Wiles, the first pastor of the church brought a message to the combined adult Sunday-school class. Rev. William Howard, the first full-time pastor brought the message for the morning worship service. Greetings from Brethren Home Missions were brought by Rev. Lester E. Pifer. Gerald W. Teeter, pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The Sunday-school cabinet of the First Brethren Church has voted to undertake a unique training program using the Gospel Light Publications cassette tape series entitled, "Leadership Unlimited." Each teacher will be responsible to listen to the tapes and use the study guides as a form of self-help training. The money to purchase the tapes and a tape player is being raised through special banks in the Sunday-school classes. Robert Russell, pastor.



Pastor and Mrs. Charles Ashman

WINONA LAKE, IND. At the close of a recent Sunday evening service, Rev. Raymond Thompson, vice moderator of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, stepped to the front and invited the congregation to a surprise reception for Pastor and Mrs. Charles Ashman's 25th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Ashman was asked to put on her wedding gown (which daughter Judy had just "happened" to bring for the occasion), and Pastor Ashman, unable to get into his wedding suit, refreshed his memory of the occasion by wearing the tie he had worn 25 years ago. The congregation presented them with a silver coffee and tea service and a gift of money.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	Oct. 17-22	Wayne Baker	Charles Ashman
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	Oct. 17-22	Charles Flowers	Nathan Meyer
Winchester, Va.	Oct. 31-Nov. 7	Paul Dick	Dean Fetterhoff
Harrisburg, Pa.	Nov. 7-12	No pastor	Nathan Meyer
Portis, Kans.	Nov. 7-14	William Stevens	Paul Bauman
Westminster, Calif.	Nov. 14-19	Douglas Bray	Allen Herr
Sidney, Ind.	Nov. 14-21	A. Rollin Sandy	Dean Fetterhoff

NOTICE. Those Sunday schools using Gospel Light materials in nursery and kindergarten departments will need to substitute lessons for the end of November 1971 and the end of February 1972. Due to the switch in the Sunday-school year, Christmas and Easter lessons will appear a month ahead of time. You will need to order materials early for the next two quarter's study and substitute lessons. (The only exception are those schools using the new three-year-olds course.)

TOPPENISH, WASH. A bon voyage fellowship was held for Mr. and Mrs. Neil Paden following the evening service on Sept. 5. The next day a group gave farewell to the Padens as they boarded the TWA jet for England where they were met by their missionary son, Bruce. After a short visit in England and France, the party then went to Switzerland where they boarded another jet, this time headed for Africa. At Bangui they were met by their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Mensinger and Suzanne. The Padens plan to remain in Africa until after Christmas, and then return to Washington. Sam Horney, pastor.

TAPES AVAILABLE! You may still purchase 5" reel tapes or cassettes of the 1971 national conference or Christian Education Convention speakers. Eight different tapes are available at a cost of \$3.50 each, postage paid. Send a card requesting an order blank and complete information. Address your request to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

STOYSTOWN, PA. On Sept. 12 Pastor Arthur F. Collins submitted his resignation to the Reading Brethren Church requesting effectiveness sometime in the middle of November. Future plans are still indefinite. Arthur Collins, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. The following is a quote from the bulletin of the First Brethren Church: "Last Sunday was a great Sunday! Mrs. Harris and I really appreciated the Christian spirit and fellowship that awaited us as we returned from conference and vacation. Some real surprises were in store for us. First, was the new air-conditioner installed in the study at the church. This will meet a real need. However, our moderator, John Seitz, stipulated that he didn't want any 'cold' sermons coming out of a cool study!"

"Another big surprise was the fellowship time after the evening service in honor of our second anniversary here at First Brethren. A gift-check of \$154 was presented to us. The occasion was well attended and was a wonderful gesture toward us at this time. For all of this we say a hearty, 'thank you.'" Vernon Harris, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Why wait weeks for the painters to come? Fifteen members of the Young Married's Class of the Patterson Park Brethren Church dropped in on their teacher, Pastor John Terrell, one Saturday and painted his house. The painters were treated to a picnic lunch by the Terrells, and had the house looking brand new by 3:00 p.m.



WINONA LAKE, IND. Shown above are some of the newly elected members of the board of directors of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men. Those pictured at the installation service on the final day of national conference are as follows: first row, left to right, Lyle Marvin, Jr., Fred Harris, Herb Fountain, Williard Smith, Harvey Skiles and Winford Bennett. Back row, left to right, Ed Jackson, Dick Wells, Layne Loeffler, Jim Kelley and Jim Knepper.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Peggy Knight and Jerry Miller, July 31, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Carol Ann Burns and Stephen Jackson, Aug. 21, Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa. Pastor Robert Burns, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony assisted by Rev. Robert Moeller of Flora, Ind.

Mary Lou Southworth and Frederick D. Elwood, Aug. 21, First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Vicki Corral and Gary Shoup, Aug. 28, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Donna Hawbaker and Robin Goings, First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Jean Heimberger and Kenneth Shepherd, First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

HOSTETLER, Carl E., 65, was called to be with his Lord May 8. Carl was a very faithful member of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church. He was the father of Rev. Dale Hostetler, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Santa Barbara, Calif. Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Robert Burns.

MAYES, Arnold, 51, was ushered into heaven Sept. 9. Mr. Mayes was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio. His son, Roger, is in his third year at Grace Seminary. Pastors Knute Larson and Robert Holmes conducted the funeral service.

SINK, Kenneth, 19, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 27. He will be greatly missed in the youth activities of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., where he was a member. Services were held at the church by Rev. Henry Radford and Pastor Charles Flowers.

FACING

If I were to run up a bill of \$1,000 or more with you, ignore it, and then proceeded to pay off every future account with you, what happens to the original debt? Is it made any less by my payment of every subsequent account? Does not my original debt of \$1,000 still stand? Can you not sue me, have me to court, and reduce me to bankruptcy—because of my failure to pay? Does my changed attitude make any difference to the *fact* of my original debt to you?

Perhaps, at the outset, you would be patient and give me time to pay. But eventually you would have to act—foreclosure—or else write off the debt, paying the price yourself.

You could cross it off the books and clear me. You could put me back into the position of one who has never been in debt. If you write it off, you take the debt upon yourself. You suffer financially because of me.

How often do you write off bad debts in your business. But how would you react if *all* your clients did the

same as I? What if every family doing business with you performed the same way I did? Could or would you write off each debt? Would you sue?

When I returned to Armidale at the beginning of 1970, settled down in my office, the first thing that greeted me was the familiar sound of the cathedral chimes.

It occurred to me that every time the chimes rang out the quarter-hour, the half-hour, and the hour, they marked that point in time that would *never* come again. Those chimes were a death knell of every passing minute! Minutes passed. Minutes wasted. Minutes never to be recouped.

Is not this a warning, a reminder, even a plea to you and me to remember that each one has a time limit which we cannot measure? Not designed to make us panic, but to remind us that we have less of that time allowed to us as the moments fly. That much less time in which to settle our own *personal* debt. If we are “chimed” out of life without that debt being

settled, we are debtors forever—with eternal debts never written off, never redeemed.

As I thought about financial debts and their redemption, I suddenly realized that even though all my worldly debts were paid up, *I would still be a debtor*. Just look how I have used the world given to me. How many times have I snatched and grabbed at every good thing that came within my reach? How many times have I taken for granted someone else's love? How many times have I patted myself on the back for all my personal victories and achievements? How many times have I been guilty of accepting my life as if I had made it myself? For how long have I kept myself, and my interests, squarely in the center of my life?

I had clocked up a substantial debt. Worse than that, though, I had lived as if God did not exist. Just as if I did not depend on Him for my next breath.

In God's account book I had run up an enormous debt! “For all have

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FORECLOSURE OR FORGIVENESS

sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

At last, realizing what I had done, I decided to mend my attitude and change my ways—to consider others—to become more honest than I ever was. I became more aware and appreciative of health, of beauty, of goods, friends and loved ones that surround me. I even acknowledged God. I reformed. I began paying all *current* accounts!

But what did my reformation do about my original debt?

Nothing. It still stood, and I couldn't pay it off. Excuses were no good. Distress didn't help. Being sorry for myself only made the condition worse.

As each day chimed away, I tried to ignore that original debt—convinced, or hopeful, that as long as I did the right thing, the debt would be forgotten. But that debt was still on the book—with my name beside it.

Now what does the eternal Creditor say? "The Lord is not slack concerning

his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

He gives men time—until their time is chimed away only. Then He will foreclose, and man is bankrupt forever. Never will that man know what it is to be without debt. Never will he know what it means to be redeemed.

"But I can't pay," I cry. "Not in a thousand years could I repay the debt I have run up. It is hopeless. I am doomed to an eternal bankruptcy UNLESS . . .

"Lord, God, will *You* not clear the debt? Write it off my account? Redeem me—make me as if I had never incurred the debt! Lord God, will *You* not pay the price? Will *You* not suffer the debt for me? I know I don't deserve it. I know I can never do anything that will merit such an act by *You*. Lord, the hours of my life are being chimed away. The faster they go, the more hopeless is my position. Lord . . . Lord, will *You* pay?"

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be

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By J. D. Spencer

whiter than snow" (Ps. 51:7).

Would you?

He would!

Not only would He, but He already has: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Jesus Christ, who never ran up a debt, paid my debt of sin on the cross. He redeemed the debt I owed. He suffered ultimate bankruptcy in my place. His resurrection from that death on the cross serves to prove that God has accepted the payment on my behalf! "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isa. 44:22). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

My debt has been paid! I have only to accept what He has done for me. No merit on my part. No change of repayment. No chance of earning such love and concern.

Debt redeemed! My place in His family restored! My deliberate usurpation of His will for, and gifts to me, forgiven—if I accept His Son, Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IS IN TROUBLE

The fruits of an educational philosophy that replaces God with man are disrupting educational processes in every area.

Any person who is generally informed on the status of education throughout the United States is aware of the fact that education in general is in deep trouble. This is not only true at the present time, but all trends point to a worsening of the situation in the near future. What is happening on the plane of higher education is also true on the level of elementary and secondary education, and any discerning individual cannot help but conclude that this is merely a reflection of what is happening to society in general. In attempting to analyze the situation, four areas of concern come into focus.

The first and underlying area of concern is the philosophy now being propagated in the classroom. More specifically this has to do with the moral and spiritual position of man in the universe. Commensurate with the loss of consciousness of the divine and infinite centering in God, there has been a gradual elevation of the human and the natural, until at last man has been given the place of supremacy in his own thinking. He is now being granted the right to measure his own morality and is answerable only to himself. The conditioning of the thinking of the student population with this sort of thought pattern is bound to bear fruit.

The second area of concern is the immediate fruitage of this thought pattern in the sociological area. Ideas have consequences. Of course, this is the very purpose of education. Therefore, it is to be expected that self-sufficiency and



By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

independence will first be felt in the area of morality and control. The sixties have borne testimony to the revolution on the college campus. Moreover, thoughtful educators see no end to this development. So long as the philosophy of self-sufficiency and independence persists, it must be expected that the influence will bear fruit in disorder, disruption and destruction.

The third area of concern covers the area of dimension. At the turn of the century, less than 5 percent of the college-age young people went to college. But that percentage has changed. Education has been sold to young people, and the very makeup of society demands a more advanced training with which to meet the problems of life, so that now it is estimated that 62 percent of the young people are going to college. In 1950 approximately two and a half million people were going to college; twenty years later there were three times that number, and by 1978 it is expected that this figure will reach ten million. By that time, if present trends continue, there will be as many in postgraduate work as there were attending college in 1950.

The fourth area of concern is the financial situation. Distorted thinking, disorder on the campus, and enlarged dimensions cannot help but produce a developing financial problem. Changing philosophy enlarges the curriculum; disorder demands greater expense in governance and control; increasing numbers call for more facilities and faculties. Add to all this the spiraling inflationary economy and you have a financial problem of astronomical proportions.

Every level of education is facing a grim prospect for the future, and every day this prospect grows more grim. In the area of elementary and secondary education, public, private, and parochial is in deep trouble. So new pressures have been brought to bear on the government for assistance. In the area of higher education, both public and private colleges and universities are in trouble. It is estimated that 50 percent of the private schools will close their doors in the seventies unless there is some turn in the financial situation. But this is not confined to private schools. Out of seventy-six of the larger public, tax-supported universities in this country, more than half of them are operating with serious deficits.

Here are some of the things that are being done to meet the mounting monetary problems. New methods and pressures are being brought to bear on the public in general for giving to education. Greater pressures are being brought to bear on state and federal governments. As a result, many states are responding to the pleas, and the federal government just signed into law the greatest bill on aid to education in the history of this country. It exceeded that which was passed during the Johnson administration. Because teachers feel the pinch of inflation, new movements are under way to use collective bargaining force upon those who hold the financial destiny of teachers in their hands.

Especially in the area of elementary and secondary education, efforts are being made to increase the school year from nine to twelve months. This is for the purpose of a larger utilization of time and a better use of present facilities.

Some schools are taking a new look at activities in the school, and are dropping those which they feel are not absolutely essential, such as athletics.

At present this is largely on the lower level, but higher education may come to this also.

On both levels of education, the curriculum is being reviewed and a trimming process is now taking place. In some respects this may be regarded as seriously endangering the quality of education, although it may be discovered that new evaluations and refinements will result.

Because the situation is so serious in some areas, retiring teachers are not being replaced. The work is simply divided among those that remain. As a result there is a growing teacher pool.

Grace Schools live in the same context with all other schools in the land, and the financial problems are no different. But despite all the trends, Grace Schools are surviving and growing. This can be explained only by the fact that we serve a living God who is working things after the counsel of His own will. God is using His people to pray for and support these schools.

When most private schools are leveling off or decreasing in attendance, Grace Schools continue to grow. Admissions in both the college and the seminary are up for this fall. It could be that we will go well over the 900 mark, and we could approach 950. This could mean an increase of 100, or more than 10 percent.

The fiscal year 1970-71 is now closed, and again for another year Grace Schools have operated in the black. Consider the fact that this is true without aid from the federal or state governments, and without the aid of foundations. It has been the gifts of God's people, and the student tuition and fees that have made this possible. Let us give thanks that there is a determined group of people, parents, alumni, students, and friends who believe these schools are needed, and therefore God uses them to keep this institution going.

DATES BACK TO SUMMER OF 1897

INN HOTEL; WINONA LANDMARK BURNED

Built on the grounds once used for racehorse stables, the historic Winona Inn housed thousands of Bible conference visitors, served briefly as an army barracks, and provided dormitory space for Grace College students.

By Linda Weddle

(Ed. Note: Mrs. Linda Weddle has been named Coordinator of Publicity in the Development Department of Grace Schools. Articles bearing her by-line will be appearing regularly in the *Herald*.)

At 7:15 a.m., Saturday, August 21, 1971, the firemen of Winona Lake burned down the Winona Inn Hotel. It was not unexpected; the Assembly had made the decision to clear the area for a parking lot.

Yet . . . it was not just the burning of an old building, but the end of a historical Winona Lake landmark—a landmark that had been here since 1897.

Picture, if you can, those early years . . . the men and ladies coming to Winona Lake on the interurban train. Watch them as they shop at the arcade with its gift shop, then a lunch at the sandwich shop or the nearby Chinese restaurant. The guests would attend the chautauquas, the Bible meetings, and ride the 250 passenger steamboat . . . then stay at the Inn.

The Inn was an integral part of the summer conferences. Guests would dine in one of the two spacious dining rooms, and then perhaps attend a meeting in the large committee room above the foyer—or perhaps they would enjoy the summer evening sitting on one of the many porches then surrounding the building.

The history of the building goes back many years. In the late 1800s the Beyer brothers had a park at Winona Lake (then Eagle Lake) and called it the Spring Fountain Assembly. Though at first, it was not a Bible conference, the Beyer brothers had high standards and determined right from the start to have a wholesome place to relax. Through a series of events, however, Bible meetings began to infiltrate the park's activities.

An aerial photo shows the Inn as originally constructed.



Photo by Tom Root



After the wing sections were demolished, the remaining main section was burned.

Then one evening during a summer conference, a thunderstorm broke out. Only fifteen people were able to attend the meeting that evening. The speaker tried to talk, but the huge claps of thunder and loud beating of the rain made it impossible for anyone to hear. Finally, in desperation, they pulled two benches together and discussed the possible success of a permanent Bible conference at Spring Fountain Park. The evening was spent praying and dedicating the park to service for Christ. From that meeting the Bible conference was born. January 22, 1895, was the date of the official establishment of the Winona Assembly, and Charles H. Connors was appointed the first president. Mr. Connors' term, however, was short, for less than a year later he had to resign because of illness. At this time John M. Studebaker, president of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Co., South Bend, Indiana, became president. The conference was rapidly growing so Mr. Studebaker donated his money to the Assembly (then run by the Presbyterians) for the building of a hotel.

A large piece of land, originally used to house the horses for the races held on the island, was chosen. The Beyer brothers had suspected gambling at the races and thus, keeping their promise to uphold the standards of Spring Fountain Assembly, closed down the activities. Now the hotel was built on the empty lot—the Winona Inn was first used the summer of 1897.

The Inn holds a lot of memories for a lot of people. James Heaton, Sr., a

resident of Winona Lake for sixty-three years, and a onetime presider at the chautauquas, recalls nostalgically a morning in 1914—"I remember it was Sunday, because everyone was at church. Then a fire started in the Inn's kitchen. Everyone ran from church and over to the fire until no one was left in the service. The Inn wasn't burned badly, but one of the embers blew across the canal and did considerable destruction to a home."

Though the Inn remained a hotel through the years, there was a time during World War I when it had other duties. Winona Lake's ground became a training camp for motor transport duty. Hundreds of soldiers were crammed into the Winona Lake hotels. They were unfortunate living quarters since they were built only for summer residency, and soon many of the soldiers living in the inadequately

heated buildings became very ill. For many days the grounds were filled with grief and discouragement.

Happier times were to come, however, and since then many visitors of the Winona Lake Bible Conferences have stayed in the Inn, including many members and friends of the Grace Brethren Churches, coming to the grounds each summer for fellowship and relaxation.

But gradually, less and less activity took place at the Inn. For awhile it served as a dorm for the men at Grace College, and then during a recent Youth for Christ conference it held an overflow of teenagers.

And so, Saturday, August 21, saw the final destruction of the Inn. It is no longer there, yet it will live for years in the memories of those who shared in the hospitality of those who managed it.

941 Registered in Grace Schools

A new year has begun on the campus of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. It promises to be a good year—as the registrar's office reports the highest enrollment in history.

Beginning its 34th year, Grace Seminary classes began September 8 with a total of 241 full-time students and 5 part-time students. Broken down—there are 105 juniors, 76 middlers, 43 seniors and 16 postgraduates. This is a 55 percent increase over five years ago.

Grace College began classes September 15, with a total of 700 students enrolled: 638 full-timers and 62 part-timers. This is a 57 percent increase over five years ago. There are 246 freshmen, 240 sophomores, 145 juniors and 102 seniors.

This is quite a change from the class of thirty-nine students who gathered in 1937 at Ellet Brethren Church in Akron, Ohio, for the first term of Grace Schools.

Pastoral Counseling Workshop

Meeting People's Needs

(Editor's note: Merlin Berkey, writer of the following article, was one of twenty-three participants in the first Workshop in Pastoral Counseling, jointly sponsored by Grace College and Seminary, August 2-6, 1971. Dr. S. Bruce Narramore, academic vice president of Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology, was the workshop director. Dr. Charles E. Henry, of the Psychology Department, Grace College, served as workshop coordinator and host.

Fifteen pastors, including nine Brethren pastors, one college and one seminary student, one college graduate, and six wives participated.

Another Workshop in Pastoral Counseling is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 1972.)

Just another workshop? No. This time there was "meat" on those proverbial bones. Shortly before going to the workshop, another pastor chided me: "You don't need that workshop. You already know all that stuff. You're just wasting your time and your money!" No doubt about it, many workshops for pastors aren't what they are cracked up to be. But this one was different. In fact, I think we received more than we even expected.

The needs of people are almost endless. How to meet those needs is always the concern of a serious pastor. Most of the important problems of people were covered in this pastoral counseling workshop. The purpose of this article is to give a sampling of the ideas discussed.

Personal Adjustment

Even Christians tend to play games with themselves about their true nature. All of us use one or another defense mechanism to protect our self-image. We deny the truth, or

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blame others for our faults, or become self-righteous, or work harder in our strong points to cover up our weak points, or rationalize our failures away, or directly attack the one who is criticizing us, or . . . In the midst of this carnal approach to the Christian life, it is good to know that there are spiritual answers to the needs of personal adjustment. Even after we are saved we still have many personality quirks to get straightened around. God has the answers to these adjustment problems. For instance, He has given us the Holy Spirit to indwell us, He has provided a fellowship through the church for our social needs; and for our doubts and distresses, God has put hundreds of promises in the Bible to assure us of His love and power. Added to all this we have a new standing in Christ; He has deposited His riches in our bankrupt account and made us children of God. It is up to us to respond to these wonderful provisions. How? By confessing our sins to God and experiencing the control of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives. It is these spiritual adjustments that help us to be well adjusted—toward ourselves and others. So, take off that man-made mask and let Christ be seen in your life.

Emotional Needs of People

There is always a danger in "playing up" or "playing down" the emotions of people. But the fact remains: we are emotional beings with emotional

needs. Everyone, for example, needs to feel worthy. No one wants to feel they are "no good." Sometimes we preachers are guilty of falsely teaching the doctrine of depravity. We preach in such a way that makes a listener think to himself: "Well, I'm just no good. I couldn't possibly be any good to God or to others!" Now, that's not what the Bible wants people to think at all. Depravity does not mean people are "no good." It simply means people have ZERO RIGHTEOUSNESS to commend themselves to God. That's why Christ must clothe us in His righteousness. There is a vast difference between "no worth" and "no righteousness"!

The real truth of the matter is, we have infinite worth to God. Jesus said the Father takes notice every time a sparrow falls to the ground, and that people are of far greater value than many sparrows. Sinners have such great worth to God that He sent Jesus to die for them. God would never have done that for the animals in the barnyard. Man is the apex of God's creation—created in His very image. That makes man of infinite value and worth to God. Man has infinite worth, but zero righteousness. Christ took care of that need on the cross.

There are many other emotional needs. As I list a few, think in your own mind how salvation and the Christian life helps meet these needs. There is the need for love and acceptance, the need for confidence, and the need for security. These needs of the human heart can only be met completely through faith in Christ. It is no wonder that so many non-Christians have empty lives and feel like giving up or committing suicide. In Christ, "all fullness dwells." He will fill the cup of our lives to the brim and overflowing if we, by faith, extend to Him our very being.

This has been just an "appetizer." You must attend the seminar to get the full-course meal. So many other helpful topics were discussed. For example: pre-marriage counseling, marriage counseling, the problem of depression, the problem of hostility, and the preservation of our self-image. There were also sessions on child discipline and teenage rebellion. And for "dessert" we discussed damaged emotions, and the psychological implications of law and grace. ☛

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Keys to Success

I come from the city of Washington, D.C. People have the right to dissent and Washington seems to be the place to exercise that right. It was in the week of May 3 that the hard core of demonstrators came to build up tensions and pressures to the breaking point, exhibiting overt civil disobedience.

Monday was the day. The bridges were to be closed and the traffic circle blocked. Many of us were apprehensive about getting to work. Dupont Circle, where our office is located, has always been a gathering place for hippies, rock music, crowds and demonstrations. It is also the beginning of Embassy Row.

Government workers and other office people had been given orders to come to work early Monday morning. The marines and National Guard had been flown in. They lined the bridges, they occupied the circles. About noon Attorney General John Mitchell could say, "The city is open. The traffic is flowing. The government is functioning."

Those of us who live there were trying to carry on business as usual, but having a difficult time. During the week, an acquaintance said to me, "Better get out there and study the crowd, but don't get hung up on the symptoms. Try to diagnose the sick-

ness."

I thought of that suggestion many times during that week: "Don't get hung up on the symptoms. Try to diagnose the sickness."

These young people, most of them under thirty and half of them high school and college students, tried to get across some point of malfunction of our society by producing more malfunction.

When I got to the office the next day, Dupont Circle was filled with jeeps, buses, marines, and the National Guard. They stood about every three feet around the circle. On the sidewalks, there were enough police to break up any group larger than four. Law and order was maintained by a great deterrent action. For that entire week it seemed that we lived in a police state.

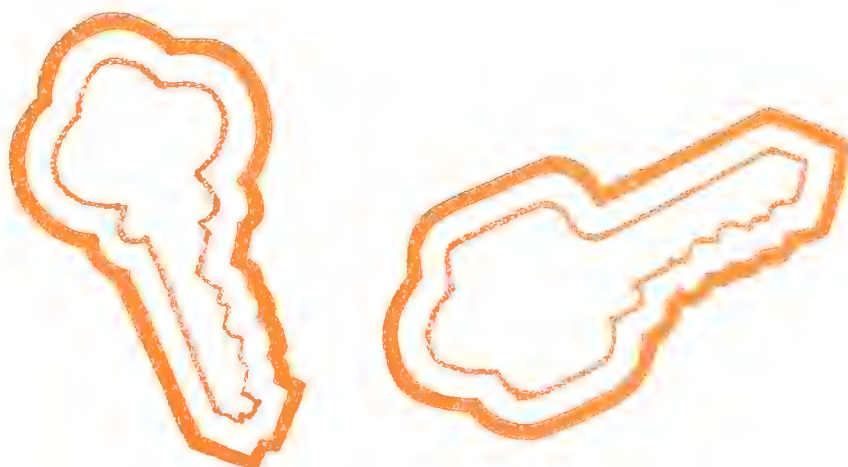
Mingling among the crowd at Dupont Circle, I observed the young people—some alone, others by twos or threes—I looked carefully at these people. They seemed so unwanted, so out of place, so far removed from any-

thing and everybody. The fellows and the girls were dressed very similar: blue jeans, jackets, sweat shirts, hair shoulder length for the fellows and somewhat longer for the girls, some carrying sleeping bags.

About the circle, the office workers, the police, the military, the business executives, and the demonstrators all eyed one another with distrust and suspicion. What were these kids doing there? At least half of them were enrolled in college or high school and should be getting ready for the exams, and the others should be at their first job. According to polls, many were dropouts on the loose.

The same week I was having dinner with a public relations executive from New York City. He, too, was concerned that there is something drastically wrong with society, but he did not know quite what. He was not a man of the church, but felt underneath, as I drew out what he was trying to articulate, that society was sick and needed a spiritual tonic.

As the members of society look in-



*"Go with God-given courage
even as Joshua, with God-instilled
judgment as Solomon."*

to the 1970s, 80s and 90s, when some of us will be gone, they need an understanding of the world and its society and cultures. They need to be prepared against "Future Shock" by developing "copeability" for whatever may come. They need to be able to face the concerns of a polluted world—in atmosphere, in environment and in mind. They need to know the love of God in their hearts and the love for their fellowman in their social action.

Listen to a paraphrase of I Corinthians 13 taken from "Liturgy of the World Day of Prayer," Church Women United, 1971:

"Though stirring speeches fly around the world on our radio and television networks, and we have not love, we are like blaring blasts and crushing machinery.

"Though we explore the depths of the sea and tread the face of the moon,

"Though we program all problems and mysteries so that even our computers cannot encompass the sum of our information,

"And though we do all these things and have not love—we are nothing,

"If the hungry of the world still starve, if the sick go untended, if the old are forgotten and the children die, it is all in vain.

"Without love, all of our knowledge and technology and power have no worth and turn to a curse."

Today's world needs people who have a God-set, who begin with God, who study the Bible as God's Word; who integrate their religious views with the world around them, who are God-called to a given vocation; who know the love of Christ in their own lives. They are the people with a mission in the world—prepared in body, mind and spirit for whatever the future has for them.

I would like to share two words with you. Some time ago I came across these two words, given as keys to success. They were part of a course designed to motivate people toward achievement of material success, but they struck me as being so appropriate to other forms of achievement. They are also keys for a successful life for the Christian man or woman in his vocational calling, whether it be executive, factory workers, homemaker, minister, doctor or what have you. These two words are *judgment* and

courage. You will remember that when Solomon was given the choice of God to ask what he would, he chose judgment so he would be able to judge his people and to discern between good and bad.

What is it that the executive needs most in the decision making process? Judgment. What is it that the young person needs in finding his way and his place in life? Judgment. What does he need in moral, ethical and life style decisions? Judgment.

A young man once expressed to John Gardner that he did not mind judgments which involved himself alone but objected to making judgments which affected the lives of other people. John Gardner's reply was that "this reluctance would make it impossible to be a second grade school-teacher, a corporation executive, a husband, a politician, a traffic policeman, a weatherman, a chef, a doctor, or a racehorse handicapper—in fact, it would force him to live a hermit's life."

How does one develop judgment? John Gardner has a suggestion in his chapter on judgment in his recent book, *No Easy Victories*. Poor judgment can be averted by accepting the principle that every judgment is not more than a tentative proclamation of the truth, subject to revision.

A principle in averting the dangers of human judgment lies in the training of the mind, namely, more education. But education without values, education without an overall view of life, education without the Christian philosophy is lacking a unifying force.

Only as a person sees the whole of life, as he studies man and the world as

a whole can he put things in their right perspective. Psalm 37:5 reads, "Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it. And He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your judgment as the noon-day" (NASB). One may develop judgment by learning how to commit.

My second word is courage. It takes courage these days: to state your values and your goals, to stand by your convictions, to do what you really believe to be right, to be different from others, to stand up and vote for what you believe to be best, to seek out God's meaning for you and to listen to His voice: "This is the way, Walk ye in it." It takes courage to sponsor a Christian college in a day when most education is secular, to choose a Christian college at a much higher cost than in a public institution, to invest time and money in the education of the whole man—body, mind, and spirit.

May you never lose sight of your distinctive purpose—develop the judgment and courage to be different, assume your unique role and responsibility in a world that is searching for men of God.

Go with God-given courage even as Joshua, with God-instilled judgment as Solomon. Let the love of Christ be manifest in your every action, thought and word.

One further admonishment—Preach the Word.

Men, women and youth are hungry for it. What's more they respond. If ever Americans needed the words of God to instill wisdom in man—It's Now.

Preach the Word.

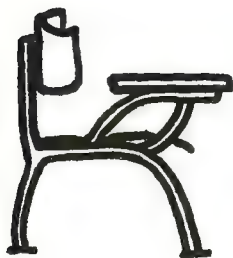
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Book by Kent. Jr., Released

A new book *Ephesians, the Glory of the Church* has been released by Moody Press. The author is Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., vice president of Grace Schools and dean and professor of New Testament and Greek at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake.

Dr. Kent is a graduate of Bob Jones University where he received his A.B. and Grace Theological Seminary where he received his B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. Dr. Kent has also authored *The Pastoral Epistles* published by Moody Press in 1958 and is currently working on two other books: one a verse-by-verse commentary of Hebrews and the other on Acts.

The new book is a commentary on Paul's epistle emphasizing the doctrine and duties of the church and the spiritual concept of election.



Since it is not likely that there will be a cutback in the wages for "sowing to the wind," Grace Seminary continues to train preachers. About 10 percent of the present students are already engaged in pastoral ministries within a 150 mile radius of the seminary. The majority of these ministers are seniors, but first- and second-year students make up nearly 40 percent of the number.

Baptist, Baptist-Christian, Church of the Brethren, Grace Brethren and Independent congregations from Winona Lake to Bowling Green, Ohio, are served by Grace student pastors.

Even a tiny church with a tight budget can be served by a fine pastor. At Grace Schools this man will have access to a library of 30,000 books and periodicals and the finest of trained counselors to assist him. Over a period of years, that church can receive a standard theological education that represents an investment of thousands of dollars and much time. The variety afforded by short-term ministers can be refreshing and encouraging to strong congregational involvement.

Nevertheless, a church takes a risk in employing a student. A student pastor, his vigor stimulated by some newly found truth or method, can convey an air of superiority which may cause adverse congregational reaction. However, the main disadvantage to the church seems to be the temporary nature of the student's ministry. He generally serves part time, in a highly developmental stage of his ministerial skills. He then departs after a couple of years, leaving the congregation as a sort of spiritual "Guinea

The Seminary Student as a Pastor

*How it can help
or hurt a church*

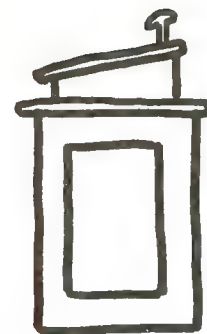
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Pig" for the next man.

Problems come to the student, too. Of the replies from student pastors, 85 percent listed a factor of time as the main disadvantage to a student charge. Torn between loyalty to school functions and studies on the one hand and church activities on the other, the student minister is easily misunderstood and criticized by both. Sometimes a part-time pastor is expected to do all his studying on his own time and consider only "active" duty as part of his church work. Meanwhile, travel distances make it expensive and inconvenient for some students to use either school or church facilities easily.

Any job affects the seminarian's social, recreational and homelife. The student pastor is no exception. It is frequently difficult to balance the time for school, church or home. Our survey indicated that married pastors with children averaged two children with a third one three months on its way.

Another major disadvantage to stu-



dent ministers revolves around the term "student pastor." This is sometimes construed to mean "half a pastor," and actual leadership of the church may be in name only. The student is then looked upon as someone to educate rather than to follow as pastor-teacher. This frustrating experience can dampen the pastor's initial enthusiasm.

Whereas some of his enthusiasm may be rudely crushed, the student pastor has an opportunity to mature early in personal relations. When he receives his "sheepskin" from Grace, he will already have his "rhinoceros hide" from "hard knocks."

Financially the student pastors compare favorably with men employed in non-pastoral work and the immeasurable benefit of prayer support of the church is not realized by many other students.

The greatest advantage to the student pastor is the supreme privilege of preaching God's Word regularly and applying his classroom studies immediately.

It appears to be the consensus of opinion that advantages outweigh the disadvantages of the student pastorate, especially for the pastor. If he remains with the same congregation after graduation the scales are tipped in favor of the church as well. The student pastor who survives his church will be greatly helped for his next step, and the church that survives its student pastor is indeed blessed.

O Thou whose bounty fills my cup
With every blessing meet,
I give Thee thanks for every drop
The bitter and the sweet!

-Crewdson

Giving Our Youth the Answer



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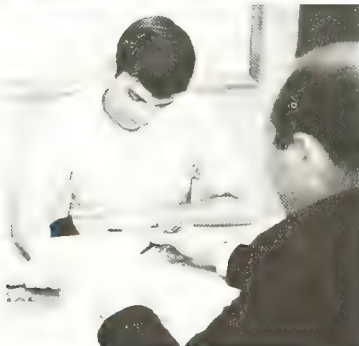
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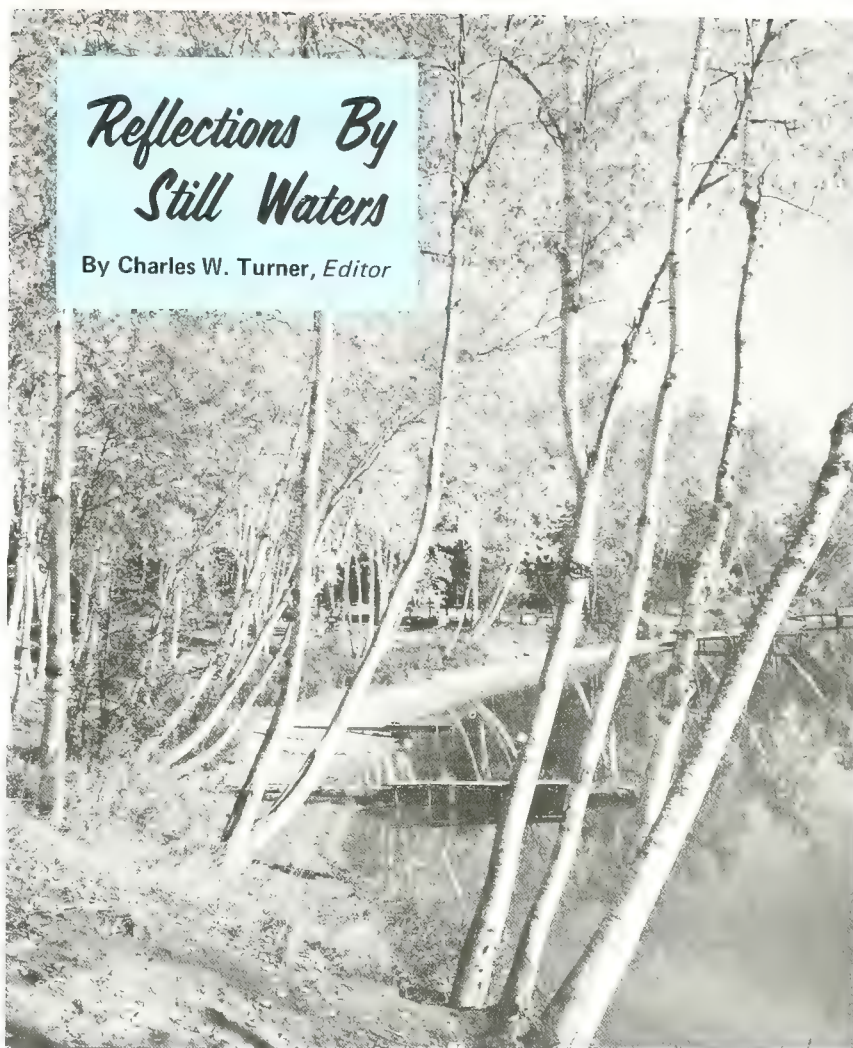


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Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner, Editor



Thoughts on Time

Time . . . one of your most valued possessions. What is it?

It is a unit of measure—for example: a second, a minute, an hour, a day, a week, a month, a year. There are other methods of calculating time such as calendars, watches, and even that unpopular device called an alarm clock. Time is an ever-present part of our lives and we permit it to govern us and divide our existence into small segments devoted to different purposes. There is a time to sleep, to work, to worship, to eat, and to do all of the many things that go to make up life. Life then is undisputingly a period of time.

Life exists in various patterns: some long, some short; some active, some dull; some useful, some worthless. But life is here and we are here. What we do with the time allotted to us between birth and death is crucial. An eternity hangs in the balance, so we are dealing with a basic here. Give two people some molding clay and give them time to mold the substance into an object. One might be a well-trained craftsman who with the gray clay, colorful paint, and a special talent could transform the clay into an object of beauty and rare value. The other person may complete his work only to display an object that brings sympathetic response for the effort spent rather than admiration for the results. Time is part of the substance of life. Along with it we are given some talents, power of will, and mental and emotional resources. Someday we will be confronted with the end results of the way we spent our time. Our bodies are clay (earthen vessels) but in them is an immortal soul for which we will be required to answer to our Creator, God.

The most important factor of life is that confrontation when we realize the existence and purpose of God. Not only is He the creator of the universe, but He is the one who wants to take an active part in your life. He loves

you and wants you to spend eternity with Him. He wants to forgive your sin, redeem your soul, and provide for both your physical and spiritual needs. The person who is saved spiritually has at some juncture in his life found the reason for his existence.

After salvation there is the question of what to do with time. Many people live in the past, going back to the previous "good days" that were happy and full of good memories. They are trying to block out the present that may be unpleasant to them. They are wasting their precious "nows"—todays. Others make the mistake of always waiting for a better time or hoping that next week or next year will soon come so they can fulfill some specific ambition or desire. They are wishing their lives away and missing the opportunity to make their lives of value to God and to others. In either case, time is not being used wisely.

They are not redeeming the time.

We are told that each person will be required to give an account to God of how he used his life—what was done with the time given to him. It is more important to use a short life constructively for God than to have a long life and use it for one's own selfish purposes and desires. So length of life is not the sole factor for the test of a good life, but rather the proper understanding of the usage of time.

The Book of Revelation speaks of an event where time will no longer exist (read Rev. 10:6). When time has run through the hourglass of existence and the sand has all settled to the bottom—eternity is a reality. The old, much used and overworked adage will suddenly pop into sharp, clear focus—"Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

Time . . . how much of it is left for you and for me?

ON

ROAD WILL CHALLENGE AMAZON WILDS

(FMS editor's note: This article, which appeared originally in the Brazilian Bulletin for July 1970, is reprinted by permission.)

Plans are marching in Brazil for building one of the world's key roads—the length of the vast Amazon Valley, from Recife on the Atlantic Budge to the border of Peru.

As planes fly, the route would be 3,000 miles. As the road will go, it will be more than 4,000.

Orders to prepare to build the road went from President Emilio Garrastazu Medici last month to the heads of the ministries of Transport, Interior, Agriculture, Planning and Health.

Problems Serious

Their staffs are working together to figure out solutions to economic and geological problems, the mobilization of a labor supply, how to overcome health hazards and promote settlement of the area as it opens up, and the hard engineering task of construction itself.

There are no plans to make the road a superhighway. It will not be paved, except in stretches. Bridges will be made of local timbers. Local stone and earth will be used for surfacing and grading.

Two-headed Road

The route so far will run from Recife to Picos in the State of Piaui, paralleled to the north by a road from Joao Pessoa, north of Recife, to the same place, then to Porto Franco on the border of Maranhao and Goias states, where the Belem-Brasilia highway crosses.

From there it would turn north to Maraba and Tucurui in Para, then west to the Tapajos River, passing below Santarem on the Amazon, to which it would be linked by a feeder road.

After running south up the Tapajos for a bit, the road would sweep west again across some six major rivers to the Madeira River, cross it and turn southwesterly toward Rio Branco in Acre State, and then follow the road now being built between Rio Branco and the Peruvian border.

First plans for the road were worked out more than a year ago by Eliseu Resende, the engineer who is head of Brazil's National Highway Department.

The devastating drought that hit part of Brazil's Northeast this year made the road urgent as one means of integrating the backward economy of the region and enabling it to participate in Brazil's growth. The part from the Budge to the Belem-Brasilia Highway runs through the hardest hit zones.

Hits Deep Woods

According to Resende, one of the worst stretches for the

roadmen will be from that highway to the Tapajos River. This is deep woods, almost like the imaginary "jungles" of the cinema.

Resende added that many ideas about the Amazon were false. "It's not so hot there," he said. "It's that the temperature always stays about the same, which makes it boring."

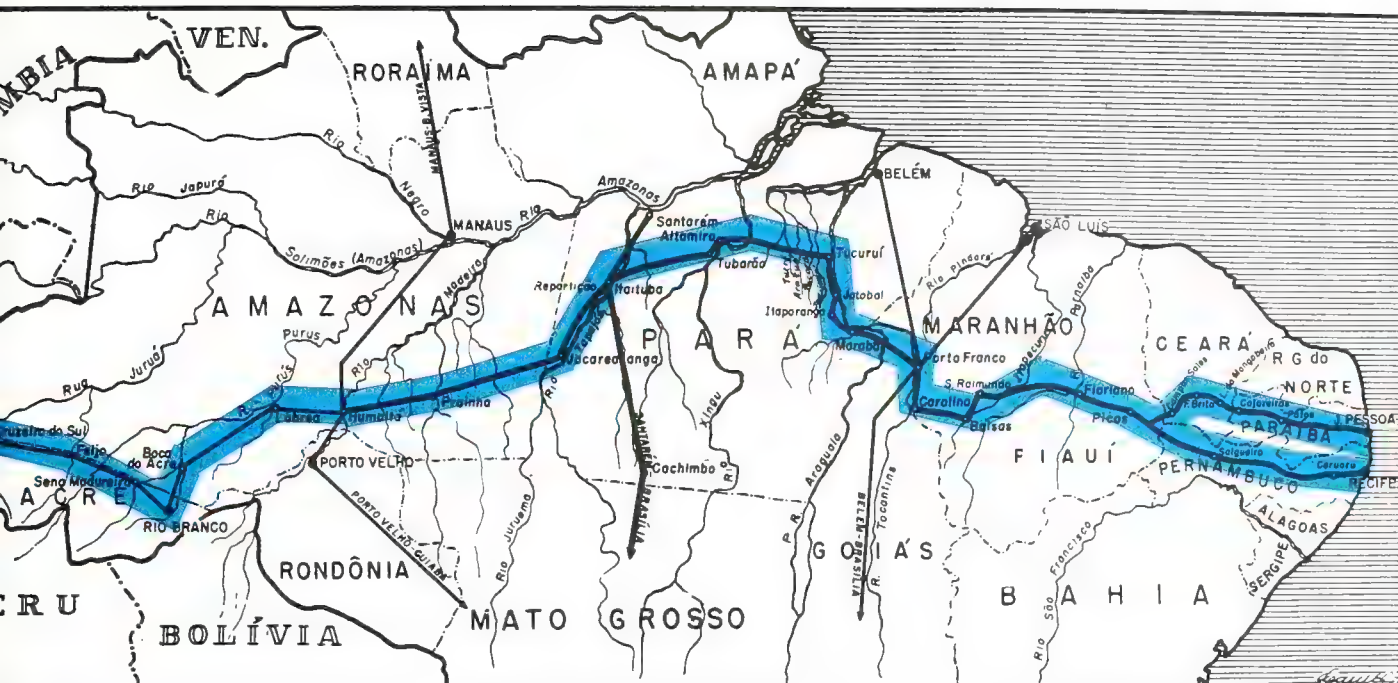
Rain Is Threat

Rains are a bigger problem, he observed, though flooding would not be a big obstacle along most of the planned route.

A main drawback in settling the Amazon Valley so far has been the need for people to stay near river ports so markets would be accessible. The higher lands, some of them with fine climates and vast savannahs, are nearly empty for this reason.

The road will cut across these highlands as it goes from river to river, all of which run more or less toward the north, and thus open the whole area to settlement.





The new road through the Amazon will ease transportation to and from the dense interior for the people who live there. Could it also be used as a superhighway for the Gospel?

ROAD WILL CHALLENGE MISSIONS, TOO

By Rev. Eddie Miller
Missionary to Brazil

A recent report from Brazil says: "Brazil faces for its future a fundamental challenge: either it accelerates its process of development or surrenders to the magnitude of the problems. For this reason the nation is in a hurry to grow and finds itself committed to a deep work of reforming old structures and modernizing all the sectors of its activities. In Brazil, TOMORROW HAS TO BE TODAY; no effort can be postponed, no initiative can be neglected. But besides all this, no energy can be wasted in vain. A global planning guides all activity that is placing Brazil as an up-to-date country with the rest of the world."

Brazil occupies an area roughly one half of the territory of South America, and can be divided into three great regions: namely, Amazonia, the Northeast, and the Center-South. The Amazon region, an area equivalent to 59 percent of the land surface in Brazil, contains only 8 percent of its population and originates only 4 percent of the total income of the country, thus constituting "an enormous economic emptiness" according to one government report. The Northeast with 15 percent of the area and 25 percent of the population originates 13 percent of the income.

The Northeast and Amazonia areas at the present moment occupy the attention of the Brazilian government in an ambitious program to expand its

economic frontiers. This expansion is to be obtained by means of the colonization of an immense part where natural resources are still untapped. The Transamazonian highway intends to link the easternmost point of South America on the Atlantic with the Peruvian highway system on the Pacific. This project will fulfill an important role in Brazil's social and economic integration process.

Running two-hundred miles south of the Amazon River and almost parallel to it, the Transamazonian highway was started last year and has another three years to go before it is finished. When completed it will have cost \$500,000,000 and will cover a 9,000-mile network.

The government hopes that this highway will open up the natural wealth of the Amazon basin and provide resettlement lands for 500,000 homesteaders over the next five years. Many consider this the last natural frontier in the world, and the Brazilians display a great deal of national pride in responding to this challenge. The minister of transport says: "We have to conquer Brazil completely and this will do it." The President calls this the work of the century—and it may well be.

Thousands of men are working on this project and have not found the going easy in the "green hell" of the
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Green Lake '71: Missions in . . .

CREATIVE TENSION

One of the most significant conferences of the decade was held this fall at Green Lake, Wisconsin. I was privileged to be among the slightly more than 400 mission executives, missionaries, pastors, educators, and overseas nationals representing 106 organizations who assembled September 27 through October 1 to study the mission/church tensions and relationships around the world.

The conference—a joint venture of the EFMA and IFMA organizations—was not, as some might be tempted to conclude, an attempt to nurse a sick and decaying Protestant foreign missionary venture back to health; actually, the opposite was true. The conference was called, not to revive a failing mission program, but rather to give direction to the overseas outreach which has to this point been so successful. It was pointed out by several during the week that one great fact of the seventies is the existence of the Christian church in every part of the world. That church is planted, rooted, and healthy. The very success of the foreign mission outreach has brought the mission agencies into tension with the existing churches.

Thus, the theme, "Missions in Creative Tension," which was meant to be a positive statement of fact calling all Christians to rejoice in God's blessing upon His work, and, at the

same time, alerting us that our mission structure, both as it relates to the overseas churches and to the two billion people still outside of Christ, must be reevaluated and outmoded patterns discarded.

It is interesting to note that the phrase *creative tension* is also used by Bishop Joseph Bernardin, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, to explain the difficulties faced by the Roman Catholic church. *Newsweek* (Oct. 4, 1971) comments: "There are 48 million Americans who call themselves Roman Catholics, and for most of them the tensions in the church do not seem to be at all creative—or even vital." The report goes on to point out that the tensions faced by American Catholics could lead only the most stubborn optimist to label them "creative." This raises the question, is the evangelical foreign mission outreach also guilty of "whistling in the dark," or of hoping in vain that something will happen to ease tensions just because we want it to be so. Admittedly, that possibility threatens. The tensions are only creative if the lessons we learn from them are applied. It will take courage to admit mistakes, grace to face changes, and patience to implement recommendations, as well as faith to stand firm on those principles which are scripturally sound. To keep us from complacency, hard questions are demanding answers. The following are a few of those studied, discussed, and debated at the Green Lake conference:

* Is there a Biblical basis for the mission society?

* Who is a missionary? Is every Christian a missionary? Or is there scriptural warrant for a special task force called missionaries?

* Does the mission exist to serve

the overseas church, or is it the one responsibility of missions to bring Christ where He is not known?

* What about the non-western churches? Do they have a missionary responsibility? Should not they, as well as western churches, organize their own mission programs and send missionaries?

* How can leadership and responsibility be turned over to nationals in the best possible way?

* Should mission societies merge with the overseas churches, or is there an organization plan which will relieve the present tensions and better serve the cause of Jesus Christ? Is fusion, dichotomy, or mutuality/equality the best organizational structure for a working relationship between church and mission?

Our response as a mission society to these questions will determine the course of Brethren Foreign Missions in the years ahead. To be sure, the tensions in our mission structures are not so intense as those faced by some societies; nevertheless, that would be a poor excuse for us to ignore the trends or neglect to test our structures and methods.

In one area most missions have failed, according to the observations of overseas pastors and church leaders present at the conference. That is a failure to seek the advice, approval, and cooperation of the national church before initiating plans and projects. Perhaps this is because mission structures in pioneer days allowed no place for such (there were no nationals to consult). To continue such a course in today's world would be disastrous indeed.

Worthy of wide distribution is the Green Lake '71 affirmation which is printed on the opposite page.—JWZ

A Moment with Missions

AFFIRMATION

We, the delegates attending the Evangelical Missions Information Service-sponsored study conference on Mission-Church relationships, held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, September 27-October 1, 1971 . . .

affirm

- the continuing mandate upon the world-wide church to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ;
- our confidence in Jesus Christ, the head of the Body, to build His church, despite the imperfections in the human instruments;
- our reliance upon the Holy Spirit to provide the church gifts for ministry, to guide the church in form and outreach, and to call men to obedience to the Gospel;

and we confess

- our failure to work more consistently toward the development of a fully responsible church at home and abroad;
- our tendency towards paternalism, authoritarianism and lack of trust in our relations with our Christian brethren;
- our slowness in building scriptural bridges of unity and fellowship between North American and overseas churches;

and we therefore urge missionary societies

- to share with their missionaries and their constituencies what is being done around the world to develop new patterns of church-mission-church relations;
- to evaluate their relations with home and overseas churches through fellowship and consultation in Biblical and related studies;
- to foster reciprocal ministry between churches at home and overseas on the basis of mutual love, acceptance and oneness in Jesus Christ;
- to discover forms of church-mission-church relationships that allow for the fullest scriptural expression of the missionary nature and purpose of the church;

and we express thanks to God for

- those men of God who came and ministered to us;
- the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit in times of prayer and discussion together;
- the joy of learning together in Christian fellowship;
- the new insights freely shared with us by our overseas brethren as well as the counsel and direction from North American pastors and professors;
- new facts and new hope upon which to develop, under God, our future relationships with the churches, through His grace and for His glory.

*Green Lake, Wisconsin
October 1, 1971*

Green Lake '71

Long Trip to Bassai

Part 3

By Grace Byron

(FMS editor's note: The year of 1971 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the sinking of the ZamZam, a ship on which several Brethren missionaries were traveling to Africa early in World War Two. Miss Byron, now retired, was asked to recount her experiences of thirty years ago. The two previous installments told of the sailing of the ZamZam on March 20, 1941; the shelling and sinking of the ship by the Germans on April 17; and the lengthy trip on the rescue ship until the missionary passengers were discharged at Biarritz, France, on May 21.)

So this was Biarritz, a city which was noted for its gaiety and pleasure, a resort for the wealthy and the nobility of Europe. We did not see a smile on the face of any person. Their world seemed to have crumbled; without Christ, they were in deep despair and without hope. Nazi soldiers in hob-nailed boots clumped through the streets singing their war songs of victory, which meant only oppression to the people. At the sight of the soldiers the people vanished from the streets as if the earth had swallowed them before our eyes. Whenever we saw people we greeted them with smiles and would have liked to talk with them, but they were forbidden to speak to us. Furthermore, there was a food shortage and they were hungry.

The American Consul was arranging with the Nazi government for our release. On May 30 we received the wonderful news that at nine o'clock the next morning we would leave for Spain and freedom. My heart overflowed with praise and thanksgiving to my country and to my faithful Lord. His promise, "Lo, I am with you always," was very precious to me. He takes care of every emergency.

The next morning we were taken in buses to the Spanish border, and then by train to San Sebastian, Spain. At the depot Red Cross buses met us and took us to a luxurious hotel, where an entire floor was given for our use. The American Consul and the Red Cross had arranged all the government requirements and cared for all the details, doing everything possible for our comfort. It is great to be an American citizen!

At noon we were served a delicious meal in the dining room and then could do anything we desired. We were free! So we went sightseeing, and saw smiling faces everywhere; it was different indeed from drab, occupied France.

That evening we were taken to the train and were soon on our way to Lisbon, Portugal. The Red Cross had packed individual lunches for our supper and breakfast, and an assistant to the American Consul traveled with us to be of help in any way needed. There were lights everywhere; no more blackouts. We started out traveling first class, but during the night something went wrong in the coach, it was disconnected, and we were told to go up front to third class. Passing through car after car, we at last reached a third-class coach and found it crowded with campers with large packs on their backs. Finally we found seats. Through the windows we could see brightly lighted cities and villages. The next morning we enjoyed watching the beautiful scenery, although it was

marred by the destruction of the Spanish Civil War.

Reaching a small village on the Portuguese border, we found the platform crowded with happy, laughing people. It seemed that the whole town was there for a celebration and we wondered about the occasion. To our utter amazement, it turned out to be a welcome for us. Everyone was so cheerful and friendly. We were directed to the depot and told to be seated at a long table beautifully decorated with flowers. There we were served course after course of delicious food. A young woman jumped on a chair and shouted, "Long live America!" And then, "Long live Portugal!" Such a welcome and such hospitality! A missionary woman, who had served in a Portuguese colony in Africa, spoke in Portuguese and thanked the people for us. When the time came to leave, everyone was laughing and waving good-by. That is an occasion I shall never forget.

Traveling across Portugal to Lisbon, we enjoyed seeing the fields of growing grain and olive orchards—really beautiful scenes! It was the month of June and roses seemed to be blooming everywhere.

The next morning, June 3, we arrived in Lisbon, and then were taken by bus to Cintra, a small town about thirty miles away. There, as guests of the American Red Cross, we were entertained in first-class hotels and served good meals. Everything possible was done to make us comfortable, and we enjoyed our stay in that small town. On Sunday the missionaries had a service; we were pleased with hearing the Word and having Christian fellowship. But then we learned that the U.S. State Department had denied us passage to Africa. Although disappointed, we were still mindful of Romans 8:28.

On June 10, orders came from the State Department to return us to the United States. Third-class passage was

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secured for the twenty-six single women on the *Mouzinho*, a Portuguese boat sailing from Lisbon to New York on June 12. We were the first group to leave for the United States; the others left later. We bade good-by to our friends and boarded the bus leaving Cintra for Lisbon.

Boats from various countries were in the harbor at Lisbon, which is a very busy port. The pier was crowded with sad-faced people such as we had not seen since we left France, and we wondered who they were. When we boarded the ship, they did, too. The decks were crowded; there were about twice as many passengers as the boat could accommodate comfortably, but we were happy to be on our way and felt that conditions would soon be better. We learned that the sad-faced passengers were Jewish refugees who had gone through much persecution and lost all their belongings, but were looking forward to starting a new life in the free United States.

One woman had in her charge 116 children whose parents had died in Nazi concentration camps from privation, or had been shot. Some would be given homes with relatives and some would be placed in institutions. The children were anxious to learn English

On June 21, 1941, we sailed into New York harbor, back where we had started on March 20. We had sailed from New York on the *ZamZam* in the north temperate zone; had gone down to Recife, Brazil, in the torrid zone; sailed southeast across the Atlantic Ocean to within five days of Capetown in the south temperate zone and there were shelled by a Nazi raider on April 17; were taken war prisoners; went up north through the torrid zone on the *Dresden* into the north temperate zone again; ran the British blockade in safety; then on to occupied France on May 21 and were released on May 31. We had gone by train through Spain

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and Portugal to Lisbon, to Cintra by bus and then back to Lisbon, and had sailed on the *Mouzinho* across the Atlantic again to New York. Is it any wonder that when we landed safely in New York my heart was filled with great praise to My Lord and Saviour!

Still, I knew I must answer Jesus' command to me: "Go ye" (cf. Matt. 28:19-20). But because of the war I could not secure passage to Africa until September. Then I sailed on an American freighter taking a more direct course to Brazzaville, Africa, and changed to a river boat going up the Congo, landing safely at Bangui. (The first news I heard was about Pearl Harbor.) Following that I went by truck to Bassai station.

As I reminisce over these experiences of thirty years ago, I am overwhelmed by the faithfulness of my Lord and His miraculous protection. The promise of His Great Commission was proven in my experience: "I am with you alway."

Are you willing to put Him to this same test? "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few!"

(THE END)

ROAD WILL CHALLENGE MISSIONS
(Continued from page 5)

jungle. A recent article in *Time* magazine gives the following description of this work:

"Food is dropped by parachute or hunted in the jungle. There are daily battles with snakes, stinging ants, swarms of African honeybees and wild animals, not to mention 100-degree heat and the perils of malaria and dysentery. The worst enemy, say the men, is the rain. During April, twenty-five inches fell and many machines faltered and collapsed. There are several thousand Indians in this area but little contact has been made so far. Many oppose this project since many of the tribes will be moved into reservations and some believe that in a few years the Indian population will disappear as they come in contact with civilization."

This brings us face to face with the challenge of reaching this area for Christ. How are we going to conquer these lives with the power of the Gospel? If there is such an urgency in meeting the material welfare of these millions, what about their spiritual welfare? Many think that we are faced with what can be termed "The challenge of the impossible." However, we believe that the evangelical missionary stands on the threshold of almost unbelievable opportunity.

Surely this same attitude of challenge ought to characterize our efforts to reach the lost with the Gospel—no effort can be postponed, no initiative neglected. We may need to reform some old structures and modernize methods where necessary, and at the same time hold true to the message of Jesus Christ. Such a task as this involves members of the whole church back home as well as the workers on the field. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9). Jesus told His disciples, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," and we still claim this promise.

Pray with us that we might have divine planning to guide all our activity. We need workers with courage and compassion to enter this last frontier in Brazil along with the settlers, and to preach the Gospel by word and deed. Will you be one of these workers?

Remember—in Brazil, TOMORROW HAS TO BE TODAY!

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and to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." No doubt many of them are still living and are today wealthy businessmen.

The lounge was crowded at our Sunday morning worship service, and those who were there heard the Gospel. They could not understand why we were happy after our experiences. But of course we had Jesus in our hearts; they, too, could have been happy if they had accepted Him as their Messiah.

*THE QUESTION WAS,
WHAT SHOULD I DO
WITH MY SUMMER?*

What shall I do this summer? I had to answer this difficult question as 1971 began. Should I work to save money for seminary in the fall and help in my church's home Bible studies? Or, should I go to Brazil to learn firsthand about missions and serve the Lord there?

The opportunity to go to Brazil was provided through TIME (Training In Missionary Endeavor), a program by which young people who are interested in missionary service are enabled to visit various Brethren mission fields for a few months. I have wanted to serve Jesus Christ as a pastor or missionary since high school days. Then, several missions courses at Biola College and Bill Burk's testimony of the Lord's work in Brazil aroused my interest in church planting. To visit Brazil sounded good. But, I also wanted to work in the Bible studies at home and to work to save more money for seminary.

I asked the Lord for wisdom and guidance in this decision, and He answered: several summer student missionaries gave me good reports, and nothing hindered me from going. I decided I should go. However, I had to raise my support. In May it looked as if only half of my support was going to come in and I would have to pay the other half from my savings for seminary. But, the Lord met the entire cost through Christian friends. He is so good!

In the last week of May, I graduated from Biola College and left for Brazil. Along with David Rodgers, a senior at Grace College, I stayed with four missionary families in different

areas around Belem, near the mouth of the Amazon River. During the two months we were there, we helped the missionaries paint rooms, move to another house, roll logs from a clearing, tune a piano, teach children piano, build a small bridge, and clean house. We helped the church in Brazil by singing, playing musical instruments (Richard), giving testimonies, drawing chalk-picture lessons (David), and helping in Vacation Bible School.

I enjoyed just being with the mis-

is building His church!

I saw problems facing the church and missionaries. One need for which to pray is the effective training of many Brazilian men in the Word so that they can pastor their own churches and start more churches. This need is widespread over Latin America. Thank God, some steps are being taken to meet the need. This problem has interested me in the proper training of nationals in the Word of God.

Another problem for which to pray is the carnality and lack of depth of many evangelical churches in Brazil. Pray that these churches will mature in Jesus Christ and in His Word.

Besides seeing the need for prayer for the church in Brazil, I also felt the power of prayer support. I felt the Lord's strength in overcoming many temptations. Prayer support is real! Therefore, do not forget to uphold in prayer your brethren in the Lord.

I am glad that the Lord had me go to Brazil. I learned much, my spiritual life was strengthened, and my desire for church planting is firmer. ✠

Richard Coburn, whose home is in La Mirada, California, is a first-year student in Grace Theological Seminary.

THE ANSWER WAS BRAZIL

By Richard Coburn
TIME Missionary to Brazil

sionary families, and learned much from them. I thought of them more as just Christian friends than as missionaries or pastors. I was edified by the good preaching and teaching that I understood. For example, I learned more practically the truth that the just shall live by faith! I especially enjoyed the Bible studies in Brazilian homes. In one afternoon I actually saw three baptisms, a wedding, and a communion service! David saw about twelve baptized in one day. The Lord

Richard prepares some awnings for repainting.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

More Missionary Helpers

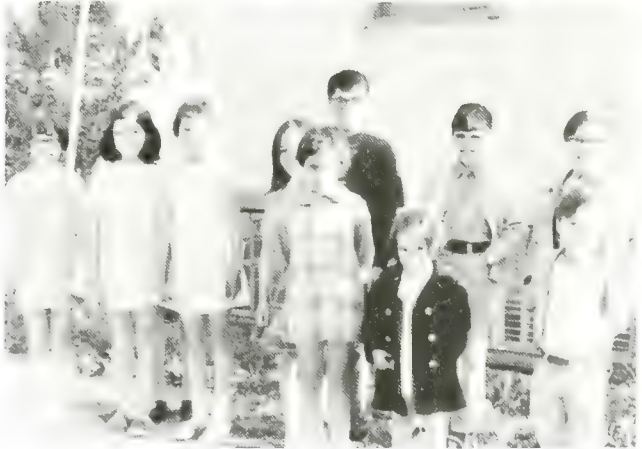
The Missionary Helpers Club of the Ozark Grace Brethren Church way up north in the upper peninsula of Michigan, is a fine, large group of boys and girls, as you can see here. They meet for their own prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, and then learn about the missionaries. The children bring in some good offerings which are sent to the missionaries.

Mrs. Violet Shipley is the leader of the MHC who sent the picture and wrote about the club. Rev. Donald Taylor is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Kay Wallbom is Mrs. Shipley's helper in the MHC.



These two MH'ers are Susan Dollar (top) and Joan Snader. Susan is from Sherwood, Oregon (Grace Brethren of Beaverton), and Joan is from Lititz, Pennsylvania (Grace Brethren). Along with their pictures which they sent to Aunt Alys, each one wrote her a nice letter, too. Thank you, girls.

Aunt Alys is waiting to get pictures and letters from more of you MH'ers!



Missionary Helpers of the Canon Brethren Church at Taos, New Mexico, are shown here with their leader, Mrs. Robert Salazar, whose husband is pastor of the church. The children are, left to right: Michelle Neddo, Virginia Gonzales, Leslie Gallegos, Sandra Maestas, Tina Gallegos, Herman Maestas, Amy Maestas, Vern Neddo, Jeffery and Allan Salazar.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY



Church News

NOTICE. All correspondence relative to pastorless churches and available men should be directed to the newly elected chairman of this committee, Rev. Lester Pifer. His address is Box 587, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.



SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. The Fremont Avenue Brethren Church rally day held recently came only two short of being the highest attendance in the last two years. The crowd attending is shown above. This is in preparation for a Sunday-school contest with the neighboring Temple City Brethren Church. Arthur McCrum, pastor.

STERLING, OHIO. A thrilling experience was witnessed at the First Brethren Church recently as six children were baptized and received into the membership of the church. These children ranged in age from six to ten, and although tender of years they had made more than 30 calls in their neighborhood inviting people to the Sterling church. The manifestation of such enthusiasm is an encouragement to all of us who labor for our Lord. Art Johnson, pastor.

WANTED! . . . A complete set of *The Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine, vol. 1, for 1939. Eleven issues were published, beginning with February of that year. If you have a set and would be interested in selling or giving it to The Brethren Home Missions Council for use in the library of the new Missions Building, please write to Rev. Lester Pifer, Box 587, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.



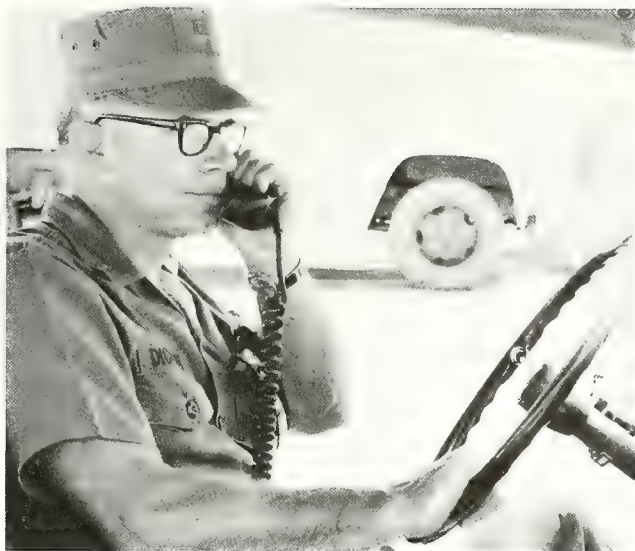
DENVER, COLO. Rev. Charles Turner, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, at left, receives a copy of *The Living Bible* from Ken Taylor, the publisher. This new paraphrased edition of the Bible, introduced at the Christian Booksellers Convention held here, resulted in a sellout of the entire first edition of 500,000 copies in just 30 days.

PORTLAND, OREG. At the last church business meeting Pastor and Mrs. Schaffer were presented a check for an all-expense tour of the Holy Lands. This tour is being made possible by friends of the church. (It's nice to have friends like that, isn't it?) The Schaffers plan to go with the Polman tour, leaving Feb. 28, 1972.



Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. Luke Kauffman and sons, Kurt and Kent; Guy Brightbill; Fred Folmer; and William Heller, Jr. (Photo courtesy of Lebanon Daily News.)

MYERSTOWN, PA. Keys to a new 1971 Chevrolet Kingswood Estate Station Wagon were given by the congregation to their pastor, Rev. Luke E. Kauffman, as a "concrete" token of their love and appreciation. The announcement of the gift was made on the fourth anniversary of the church which was Sept. 5. The pastor was informed that he was to have the privilege of selecting the station wagon of his choice. All finances for the car are being raised independently by the church without use of the general fund. Both the pastor and his family were totally surprised by the presentation.



GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA. Chaplain G. James Dickson reports a very fine ministry here at Guantanamo Bay, where he was stationed for nearly nine months. In his work with the Seabees his principal mode of transportation was a Seabee Jeep. In the picture at right Construction Mechanic Leland Brown is giving his testimony at his baptism in the chapel at Guantanamo. Chaplain Dickson is now stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex. (Official U.S. Navy photos)

WINONA LAKE, IND. Mrs. Rose Foster, retired missionary, wants her friends to know that she has a new address which is as follows: c/o Dr. W. A. Ogden, R. R. 8, Warsaw, Ind. 46590. Mrs. Foster moved to the Ogden home from the Philathea House (missionary residence) where she had resided for the past 10 years.



WRIGHTSVILLE, PA. True happiness was late but sure for the Ralph Baymans (above). They were reached for Christ in their home by Pastor George Wilhelm, who, after they had made decisions, encouraged them to be in the church services the following Sunday. And it was on Sunday, Sept. 19, that they made public their decisions for Christ and asked for baptism and church membership. The Baymans are both in their seventy-second year of this life, but now they are rejoicing as they look forward to eternity with the Lord of Glory. Praise God that salvation is available to **WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH!**

GERMANY. Rev. and Mrs. Roger Peugh, who have been in the U.S. for a short furlough since July, arrived back in Germany on Oct. 12. The following is their new address: 7 Stuttgart (80) Mohringen, Ganzenstr. 13, Germany. Their phone number: 0711/71 11 78. Both Ryan and Philip have birthdays in December, but the address was not known in time to be included in the listing of missionary birthdays on page 22 of the Oct. 2 *Brethren Missionary Herald*. WMC birthday committees should make note of the new address.

ARVADA, COLO. A new addition arrived to the Robert Firl family on Oct. 1 in the person of David James. Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Firl as they, with Jonathan and Ruth, welcome little David into their home.

DAYTON, OHIO. The First Brethren Church will host a Will Clinic dinner meeting on Nov. 26. It will be conducted by Mr. Albert Philippi of Grace Schools, who will share helpful information regarding the formulating of a will. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The announcement of resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church has been made by Rev. Jerry Young. Pastor Young expects to continue his services for the Lord in the new field of Lititz, Pa. The church at Lititz will be under the guidance of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Prayer is requested for the work at Indianapolis and for the Jerry Youngs as they begin their new ministry in Pennsylvania.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Hanover, Pa.	Nov. 19-21	Donald Hinks	Ed Jackson
Canton, Ohio	Nov. 21-24	James Kennedy	Lehman Strauss
Indianapolis, Ind.	Nov. 27-28	Jerry Young	Ed Jackson
Atlanta, Ga.	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	William Byers	Nathan Meyer
Duncansville, Pa. (Leamersville)	Nov. 28-Dec. 5	John Gregory	Mason Cooper
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	Nov. 28-Dec. 5	Ralph Colburn	Allen Herr
Findlay, Ohio	Dec. 4-5	Glenn Coats	Ed Jackson
Maitland, Fla.	Dec. 5-10	R. Paul Miller	Nathan Meyer

Produce Your Cause

By Althea S. Miller

Vanity swirls around you. There is that Christian who smiled warmly, encouraging your confidence in a severe problem. She's praying for you and yours, and what appears to be understanding love gives you courage for the continuing battle.

Then a letter, bitter, rejecting, misjudging. A letter. No face-to-face contact. A letter. Harsh, cold, ugly words. No personal counsel or opportunity for a two-way dialogue. Every situation has two sides. You wonder—where's that much-touted human love just when you need it most? Where is that love of Christ believers are enjoined to show one another? Vanity. Two faces of Eve.

Vanity. Ingratitude for all the loving sacrifice you've poured out for another. The bitterness of it is that you didn't count it a sacrifice as you gave yourself to that task of love. Certainly there were moments when you felt a bit weary, uptight; may have swallowed a martyr pill one morning as a defense against the day and its people.

You remember that day. You simply were not up to giving yourself to anyone. 'Twas a selfish day you now regret. The sharp sting of ingratitude's lash has made you hope that somewhere, sometime soon there might be a Christian who would understand your momentary emotional lapse. Haven't you been bending, stretching every sinew to give the benefit of the doubt? Then when you did come apart at the seams, all the hordes of ingratitude broke on your head. You prayed, "My Father, I've tried to build constructively, unselfishly, lovingly. Where did I go wrong?" Vanity. Gratitude slapped in the teeth by ingratitude.

Vanity. Sensuality. The whole of life so sacred to you is now falling

apart under the battering ram of corrupting sensuality. Nausea literally attacks as your spiritual-emotional-intellectual sensitivities are assaulted by a godless world. You demand of the Father, How much longer? But the end is not yet. To your horror you discover the demon invading the sanctity of your own home. Vanity. The world's aflame with destructful lust. How to keep it from engulfing you?

Vanity. Emptiness. "I don't know who I am" seems to be a popular complaint. "You taught me what to think, not how to think" an offspring accuses.

"You were taught to think on the basis of The Book," parent responds. "Nobody learns what to think, or how, apart from concepts which you were taught from the Bible. You do know who you are but you are trying to deny God's claims on your life." Vanity in the emptiness that will always claw at a man's vitals where there is no working, workable relationship with the living God.

Vanity every place you turn. You could become a confirmed cynic because of this deadly plague, if . . .

There were no eternal Verity.

"Dr. T.," I asked my Jewish podiatrist, "what do you believe is the one verity in all of life which has most affected mankind?"

"What is verity?" he countered.

"C'mon, Doctor, you're stalling."

"God?"

"Who else?"

"Where is God? Why does He let this senseless war go on; why is there so much suffering?" His voice was plaintive, anxious, unbelieving.

"He's where you left Him—outside your heart's door. Your questions can't be answered for at least two reasons which may seem like an over-

simplification to you: You are not God, so how do you expect to plumb His depths? You don't admit He is a Person, therefore don't believe He is sovereign over the affairs of men. Tell me, Doctor, how can He possibly break through and get your honest, undivided attention when you've decided He is inadequate to the massive needs of this cockeyed world? You must begin with faith, yes, end with faith in His salvation if you are to begin to find answers to life's paradoxes."

Verity. The Word, written and in the flesh. Believing God's message to men; repentance, restoration, rejoicing.

Verity. Fulfillment. No more empty spots. Life's vacuity filled with a glow of contented peace in God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Verity. It's thanksgiving for fellowship with the God of all truth. For His understanding when all others fail. For His love that took away your sin with the blood of His spotless Lamb. For the assurance that you'll be ready to meet Him whenever He calls or comes.


Verity. Thanks-living even when you cannot comprehend His leading over difficult roads. When the tears run down your cheeks like rain. When the dark bitterness of broken relationships threaten to overwhelm—these are the times to accept and live thankfully within His will.

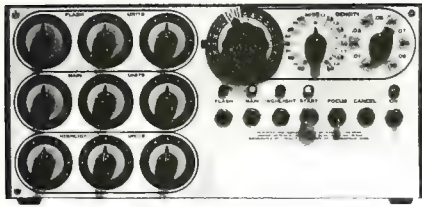
Verity. It's knowing who you are—His beloved. He has redeemed you and will perfect that which concerns you (read Ps. 138:8).

Verity. It's awareness of His exhaustless love for you. Had you been the only sinner needing salvation, Christ would have died for you. What love!

Verity. It is the Almighty Creator—Saviour who is there; exactly and whenever you need Him, want Him, call out for Him.

You have the choice; the god of this age, Vanity, or the sovereign God of love and history, Verity, who "was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19) long before you were in the world or knew you'd need Him.

Vanity or Verity, what's your Cause? Does it show? Can a needy world tell the difference between Vanity and Verity because of you? Isn't it about time they can? 



The Switchboard

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

I.Q. TEST FOR YOUTH SPONSORS (or how to rate your "influence quotient")

By Howard Mayes,
Director,
Christian Education Dept.



Do you really want to be effective as a channel of blessing in the lives of the teenagers of your community? Then take a moment to evaluate your influence as a youth sponsor or leader in the light of the following three concepts. Taken together they may provide the key to successful ministry to the youth of your church. It is important that there be a proper balance between these three channels of influence and that their order in priority also be recognized.

1. What You Are to Them

The very foundation of a sponsor's influence in the life of a young person could be described as what you really are in their eyes. Those who work regularly with young people seem to agree that they are able to develop a sixth sense in the area of spotting phoniness and hypocrisy. They will be quick to spot the sponsor who works with them out of an ulterior motive, or out of mixed motivation. They will spot just as quickly the characteristics of genuineness, true love, and spiritual concern in the lives of their sponsors. True Christian maturity is expressed not so much by what a person does as by what he really is, and God has promised to use the one whose life is truly motivated by the power of the Holy Spirit. We remember youth sponsors whose lives have influenced us in the past, and most would agree that the greatest area of influence was not in the activities they promoted but

in the genuineness of their Christian commitment. Although this point is basic, there is still more to the story of the influence of a youth sponsor upon a teenager.


2. What You Do with Them

Fortunate indeed is the Christian young person whose life is being continually influenced through experiences of travel, recreation, worship, witnessing, and service in the company of his youth sponsor. The youth sponsor may not realize the indelible impression that one such experience may be making in the life of a teenager. Pastors who do not allow time for some personal involvement in the activities of their teenagers are cheating themselves out of some of their happiest and most successful pastoral experiences.

3. What You Do for Them

With some sponsors this has been the total area of their influence, but

the things that we do *for* our teenagers will not be very effective unless balanced by the truths expressed in points one and two above. There is, however, some need for the youth sponsor to minister in *doing* things for the teenager. The successful youth sponsor will serve as an instructor. At times he must be a protector. At times he must furnish ideas and direction. At times he must give selflessly of his time and perhaps his means. In guiding the church youth group, the youth sponsor should never do things for young people that they can do for themselves. However, the youth sponsor of some wisdom and experience will find ways to tactfully give of himself and of his ideas to those he serves.

Many congregations are asking, "What can we do for our teenagers?" When perhaps they ought to first ask: "What are we communicating to teenagers relative to our own personal lives? How much have we done in company with our young people to teach them true Christianity and churchmanship?" One youth leader has paraphrased I John 3:18 as follows: "Let us stop saying we love our teenagers. Let us really love them and show it by our actions." 

A Planning Retreat Builds District Cooperation



SWITCHBOARD
IDEAS

Two Kinds of Building

*The Northern Atlantic District has had great success
in planning a year's youth activities at a district retreat.*



Northern Atlantic District youth meet to discuss plans.

For several years it has been the custom of the Northern Atlantic District Youth Committee to sponsor a planning retreat involving members of the district youth committee, youth group sponsors, pastors, and officers of local youth groups. This retreat is conducted at the district campground on a Saturday shortly after national conference and includes time for evaluation of the previous year's program and planning for the new year. The 1971 program was as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
- 9:30 a.m. Group sessions for youth officers and pastors and sponsors for evaluation of last year's program.
 1. Annual district youth theme
 2. District youth camp
 3. District youth rallies
 4. District national achievement competition
 5. District youth conference
- 10:30 a.m. Combined session for reporting observations of previous hour

11:00 a.m. Briefing concerning national youth program for new year—making plans for district participation in national program.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 p.m. Planning sessions for district activities

1. District rallies (fall and winter)

On a recent visit to Dayton, Ohio, your National Christian Education Department Director witnessed a practical approach to Sunday-school enlargement at the Patterson Park Brethren Church. There the Sunday-school staff was meeting to plan the strategy of the fall campaign to the accompaniment of hammers and saws wielded by another crew of church workers preparing additional rooms for Sunday-school classes.

2. National achievement competition (four competition rallies)
 3. District banquet honoring seniors
 4. Youth conference (at district conference time)
 5. District camps (Junior, Junior High, Senior High, College-Career)
 6. National Brethren Youth Conference (August 4-11, 1972)
 7. District SMM rallies
- 3:00 p.m. Reports (All youth groups sharing concerning their local church programs)
1. When group meets
 2. Program materials used
 3. Average attendance
 4. Special activities and programs that worked in the local youth group
 - a. Programs
 - b. Socials
 - c. Ministries

All discussions are recorded by a stenographer and complete minutes are sent to each church for implementation and study.

Plug into "The Switchboard"

Let others benefit from your idea in successful Christian education. Each month we will publish at least two good ideas which worked in some field of Brethren Christian education. You will be awarded a five dollar gift certificate from the College Bookstore for each idea chosen for publication. In particular, we will be looking for your good ideas in the promotion of Sunday-school attendance and in the methodology of Christian education. A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your entries to Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.



DIVISION WINNERS SEPTEMBER S.S. CONTEST

- A—Hagerstown, Md., Grace
Rev. Robert Collitt
- B—Columbus, Ohio
Rev. James Custer
- C—Bellflower, Calif.
Rev. Edwin Cashman
- D—Canton, Ohio
Rev. James Kennedy
- E—Myerstown, Pa.
Rev. Luke Kauffman
- F—Margate, Fla.
Rev. Edward Lewis
- G—Modesto, Calif., Greenwood
Rev. Ward Miller
- H—Mabton, Wash.
Rev. Howard Snively
- I—Colorado Springs, Colo.
Rev. Thomas Inman
- J—Kenai, Alaska
Rev. Herman Hein, Jr.
- N—Lititz, Pa.
Rev. Roy Dice, Jr.

Set Youth Week Theme

“BEYOND OURSELVES” is the theme for National Youth Week scheduled to be observed January 30-February 6. The National Sunday School Association annually sets a recommended date for this observance and develops theme-related publicity materials. Your Brethren Christian Education office recommends cooperation with this program and has developed a contest to encourage the participation of local church youth groups. Your group entries are to be in the form of scrapbooks reporting youth week activities built around the national theme. Scrapbooks received before March 15 will be judged and the following awards presented: First Place: \$25; Second Place: \$10.

Order blanks for NSSA Youth Week publicity materials have been mailed to each Brethren pastor. The Brethren Christian Education Handbook contains a helpful section on planning youth week. If further help is needed, please write to Christian Education Department.

Six Major Trends in the Growing Sunday Schools

“A constant emphasis on evangelism” was cited as one of six major reasons for the phenomenal growth of evangelical Sunday schools, according to *Christian Life* magazine. The statement was made in an article prefacing the annual *Christian Life* listing of the 100 largest Sunday schools. Other trends which have contributed to this growth, and will continue to do so, are:

- A bus ministry which expands the “clientele” of the school by bringing in people from all sections of the city.
- Consolidation of Sunday-school leadership into the office of a paid Sunday-school administrator.
- A large number of church-related ministries which make a positive impact for Sunday-school growth.
- A trend toward large, open-space classes with team teaching, replacing the small classroom with one teacher.
- A close relationship between the Sunday school and church, with the pastor leading both areas of the congregation.

The North Long Beach Brethren Church is to be commended for placing in the number 62 position on the top 100.

NSSA Produces New “how to” Paper

New from the National Sunday School Association is *CONCEPT* an inspirational and a “how-to-do-it” paper for all Sunday-school workers. Subscription price is \$3.00 per year and well worth it. First issue included articles by Wilbur M. Smith, Lowell E. Brown, Lois LeBar, and Joe Hemphill. Your Christian Education Department will provide a sample copy upon request.

1972 SS Contest Short One Month

The current Brethren national Sunday school contest will include eleven months beginning with August 1971 and running through June 1972. This change in the contest year is made necessary due to the earlier date of the 1972 national conference, and it is anticipated that future contests will involve a twelve-month period running from July through the following June.

1972 NAC Programs, Quiz Books Prepared

The 1972 National Achievement Competition program for Brethren youth involves twenty-one areas of competition including several brand-new categories. A list of these has already been mailed to each pastor under the “Hot Line” letterhead. Detailed information will be given in a new “NAC Rule Book” now being prepared.

New score sheets will also be available for local and district competition. Target date for completion of the new rule book and score sheets is January 1, 1972.

Romans and Galatians are the books being covered in the current Bible Quiz program. A study book including questions from each chapter of these books is available for \$1.25 from Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

BRETHREN YOUTH SERVICE

The growing TIME program involved ten Brethren young people in missionary service during the summer.

Christa Howard,
Navajo Mission

It has often been said that experience is the best teacher. I have for many years felt called into full-time Christian service. This summer I received the experience that proved to be a good teacher. I don't know if the Lord will ever call me to Navajoland again, but I know for sure He has called me into His service. I learned that His grace is sufficient for every need. The Lord opened my eyes to the needs of others—even here in the United States. I know most of all that they need my Saviour, Jesus Christ, and I now have a greater burden to share Him with others.



Gary Kochheiser,
Dryhill, Kentucky

The month I spent in Dryhill, Kentucky, has been one of the most exciting of my life. The Lord taught me a lot about the ministry. I have given my life to Him for the ministry and this month was one of the best training periods I ever had.

Richard Coburn,
Brazil

I thank God for letting me see missionary life and for permitting me to help the church in Brazil (including missionary families). I enjoyed the countryside's beauty and the fellowship with Christian families. I saw three baptisms, a communion, and a marriage in one afternoon!



David McComas,
France

My summer in France helped me to realize more fully my responsibility as a Christian, a follower of Christ. The term "full-time" worker used to scare me. The mission field is a twenty-four-hour-a-day job, and so is the Christian life. Whether I am teaching in the States or preaching on the foreign field I am a full-time laborer for Christ.

I also saw how the Lord weaves lives together for an effective ministry for Him. How thrilling it was to see four missionary couples who have dedicated their lives to reaching the French people.



Becky Krater,
Mexico Border

I think this is the best summer I've ever had! God blessed me in so many ways and experiences. Here are a few things I realized:

1. God loves everyone of every color.
2. I should be thankful for all I have when I see what these people do without and how they live.
3. These people need love very much.

That doesn't cover half of what I've learned but is just a small portion. I think I learned through all of this that God wants me to work with children (maybe even Spanish-Mexican). He has put a love in my heart for the people.



CHRIST AROUND THE WORLD



Ed M. Rodgers,
Brazil

God led me to Brazil and a summer I will never forget. I saw much need in both the spiritual and physical lives of the people. Because of seeing the spiritual needs, I felt called to service in Brazil. I learned to love these people and would like to share my Christ with them. I know that this experience has drawn me close to the Lord and I am glad God sent

Steve King,
Navajo Mission

This summer that I spent at the Navajo Mission was the most enjoyable and spiritually stimulating time of my life. I learned that although reaching and teaching people about Christ by Family Mountain Camp and living in camps, there are many everyday jobs to be done. And even though these are everyday jobs, if they are done for Christ, they are important, too, in a missionary's life.

Neal Fogle,
France

Upon arriving in Europe, my mind was filled with thousands of memories from my early childhood. Settling at the Chateau was like getting back home after a six-year intermission. As time passed, the Lord showed me that the ministry in France was my calling (for now anyway). We saw young peoples' lives changed by the Chateau's message.



Bonnie Patton,
Mexico Border

Because of my summer ministry, I now see missionaries in a different light. I was able to see how hard they work and what a glorious ministry they have for the Lord. It broke my heart to see the way the Mexican children beg for love and for the Word of God.



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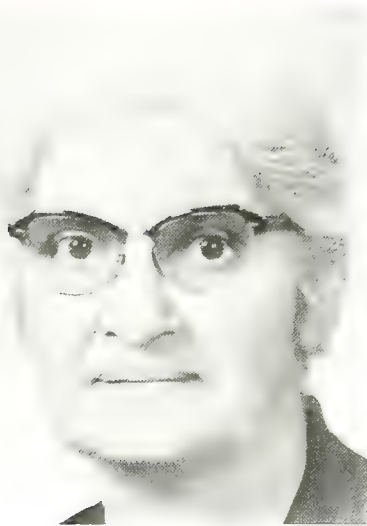
Steve Prout,
Mexico City

I received Christ as my personal Saviour about ten years ago after I really heard the true Gospel at the church by being exposed to the Word. Now I find joy in personally sharing our Lord with others. When school began last year I was seriously considering using the summer for missionary work, but later the idea simmered down. However, through my pastor, Dr. George Peek, and missionary, Duke Wallace, I was challenged to use the summer for active service for the Lord. Now I feel the Lord would have me go to a foreign mission field and be used to help as many people as possible come to a saving understanding of Jesus Christ.



Another chapter of the TIME story will be written in January 1972 when five Brethren young people enter a ministry of short-term missionary service with Brethren missionaries and the national church in Argentina. Members of this team include, Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Hoyt, Mary Sanchez, Virginia Toroian, and Janet Sullivan.

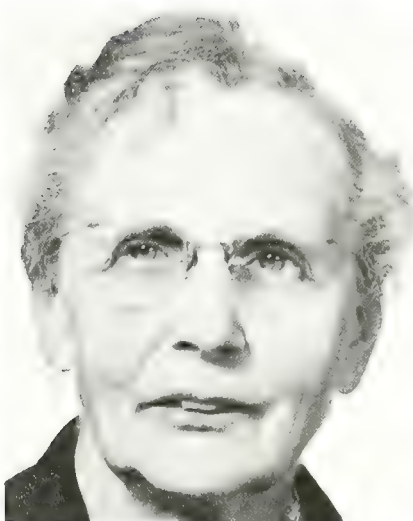
Introducing Our *WMC Birthday Missionaries* for 1971-72



Miss Florence Bickel
Retired



Miss Grace Byron
Retired



Miss Johanna Nielsen
Retired



Mrs. James Renick
France



Mrs. George Wallace
Brazil



Mrs.
Clarence
Eichorst

There Is Joy in Serving Jesus

What does a cook on a holiday do? Yes, of course, she just continues to cook. At least this is the way Mrs. Clarence Eichorst does.

During the school year she is head cook at Marshall School, South Bend, Indiana, and for fourteen summers she has been cook at the Indiana District youth camps. Many summers she cooked both weeks of camp just as she did this year. The last two years she has been the head cook.

It all started fourteen years ago when Pastor Richard DeArmev recruited Mrs. Eichorst as a cook for camp and she has served faithfully through the years since then.

Not only does she work hard at camp, but she plans all the menus ahead and orders much of the food. As you work with Mrs. Eichorst you realize that she demonstrates "There is joy in serving Jesus." She is truly a dedicated servant.

As children go through the chow line she notices if they are eating. Sometimes she will call them back and insist that they eat. She often remarked that a child that is full is not as likely to be homesick. She really loves the girls and boys and young people and watches out for their welfare as was evidenced the day she noticed a youngster with poison ivy on his neck and face—immediately she sent him to the nurse.

Mrs. Eichorst has been concerned with the spiritual needs of the youth

also. Therefore, each night she attended the Challenge Hour and earnestly prayed that God would use the message to speak to the campers.

Her food specialties include pizzas, burgers, chicken and rice, peanut butter fudge, and apple crisp. The children often ask her for recipes. One child said, "May I have your recipe for pancakes? Mother's aren't as big as yours!"

In appreciation for the many years of faithful service as cook, the staff presented Mrs. Eichorst with a set of bookends.

Not only does she serve the Lord at camp, but she is active in her local church. She is always ready to help serve as deaconess in her church, and she teaches a Sunday-school class and daily prays for her students. She encouraged the SMM to make heavy hot

pads for the huge pans that are used at camp.

She sacrifices her time at home with her family to serve the Lord in camp. On Saturday, as camp closed this year, in drove Mr. Eichorst who is a health and food inspector for St. Joseph County; her daughter, Dixie, who is a second grade teacher in South Bend; and Tom, who will be a senior in high school this fall. (Only Terry, her son who teaches music at Berne, Indiana, was absent.) Truly, they were glad to pick Mom up and take her home.

In I Corinthians 12:28 it speaks of the gifts of helps: Mrs. Eichorst has this gift and uses it well for the Lord. May the Lord richly bless her for using this talent for His glory! She has really shown that "There is joy in serving Jesus!"—Mrs. Richard Sellers

Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall
give thee rest; yea, he shall
give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

A warning call to our four-year-old has prevented a big scene when he must come in from outdoors. When told that he has a few more minutes to play, he continues with his game and is then ready to come in at the "final" call. This saves me from yelling or going to get him and also spares the neighborhood from witnessing an unpleasant tantrum.—M.K.P., Indiana

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and sent to the national WMC editor.

Large-size (8x10) photos of the 1971-72 WMC Birthday Missionaries are available on loan for your special birthday observances. Write to:

The FMS of the Brethren Church
Box 588

Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

If conflicting dates are requested by several groups, a first-come, first-served basis will prevail.

Mrs. Whodyasay?



By Mrs. Gerald Kelley
National WMC Secretary

Let me introduce myself. My name is Mrs. WMC Statistical Report. Some of you have met me before and we are good friends. Others of you cringe when you think of me and can't even pronounce my name. Most of you thought you wouldn't be hearing about me until next spring (or even June or July). But I thought this would be a good time to get acquainted.

You should have seen the WMC Objectives and Recommendations by this time. These are goals for 1971-72 that were approved at the national WMC conference in August and printed in the October 2 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. There are personal goals, family goals, WMC council goals and district WMC goals. Some of them are called objectives and some are recommendations, but all of them are things we are striving to do this year as "doers of the word."

Now this is where I come in. I help to measure how we are doing. You might like to think of me as a report card. But it is difficult to gather all of the things we do in one report, so I

have three parts. The local WMC president compiles her report and sends it to the district WMC president by July 1. She then totals those reports and compiles one district report. Each district WMC president reports to the national WMC secretary by July 10 so she can compile the final "me" for a report to the national WMC board and conference early in August.

Unfortunately, there is one major breakdown in this system and it goes back to the local report. When the local president comes to this report in June it is hard to remember what happened the fall before, or which souls were saved this year. So she puts a question mark or leaves it blank. Now ladies, would you appreciate a question mark instead of a grade on your child's report card? And yet I am a record of what we have done (or have failed to do). It is true that God is keeping the books and that some of the results will only be known by Him. But it is also true that if we would keep up-to-date records we would have a better idea of what we have accomplished in the light of eternity, and what is merely "busy-ness."

Some groups have taken ideas home from our national WMC board and are keeping monthly records in their councils. Some use a chart and others a brief questionnaire based on the objectives and recommendations. Whatever you choose will work only if you make it work.

It would be unwise to ask the questions at only one meeting, for some would be absent. And at the end of the year it would be impossible to remember everything, such as the number of tracts you had used. But it is not impossible to record this at each meeting. The number of souls saved is always the question with the most

blanks or question marks at the end of the year. This figure should include any saved where a WMC woman had some part—such as in your Sunday-school class, in VBS, at a visit you made, or when you have specifically prayed for that person. Now if these names (not just a number) are recorded monthly there will be no blanks nor duplications next year.

There is one other problem I have. Occasionally a local or district WMC officer moves. Would you believe that in two full years the national WMC secretary has not received one change of address? You do well in sending names and addresses of officers in new groups, but surely some WMC officers have moved in the past two years. If we don't have address changes since your last statistics were sent in, our mailings will not get to your council, and we will not get reports from you. Please take care of this.

The picture is not all bad. I was really encouraged to have 261 out of 270 local councils reporting this past year, and I know the district presidents are going to encourage you to keep monthly records. Thus, let us accept the challenge to be "doers of the word," but let us also keep better records of what we are doing. I'm very easy to get along with if you think of me each month.

HOME MISSIONS OFFERING DUE DECEMBER 10

The national project is equipment and furnishings for
Home Mission offices in the new Missions Building.

TOP TEN COUNCILS IN PER-CAPITA GIVING 1970-1971

1. Everett, Pa., Middler
2. Martinsburg, Pa., Senior
3. Altoona, Pa., Senior
4. Harrisburg, Pa.
5. Sacramento, Calif.
6. Leamersville, Pa., Senior
7. Johnstown, Pa., First
8. Winona Lake, Ind.
9. Johnstown, Pa., Geistown
10. Kittanning, Pa., Faith

Praise the Lord for the faithful giving of all WMC women. Special recognition to these ten councils for the largest average per member.

WMC Reading Circle

Since August 1970, materials sent to various councils included 8,162 Pen Pointers. Included in this figure were the 240 sets mailed in a letter to pastors to better acquaint them with the work of WMC, and 50 sets that were used for the Seminary Wives Fellowship at Grace Seminary. Other materials sent were: 968 membership cards, 362 visitors cards, 27 constitutions, 51 program packets and 15 project booklets.


The Pen Pointer "Beyond Our Borders" was revised and reprinted. "Home Frontiers" will soon be in need of revision and reprinting. There are 1,300 left.

I am recommending the following books for the year 1971-72:

IT'S A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE by Evelyn McCullough Anderson (\$3.95) . . . to change her mind. New problems demand reassessment of intellectual and emotional stance and frequently lead to the changing of one's mind. Everyday concerns—time, husband, children, home, parents, church, neighbors, community—are the topics dis-

cussed in an enlightening way.

MANUEL by Hugh Steven (\$1.95). Here is the story of one young Indian who was able to change, both himself and his people. Born in a primitive hut in Mexico, Manuel early exhibited a fiery curiosity about life beyond the deep green canyons that hemmed his mountain village. The course of his life changed radically when he met an American Bible translator working with Wycliffe Bible Translators, who introduced him to God and started him on a life career of study and teaching and sharing his knowledge with his people.

ANOTHER HAND ON MINE by William J. Petersen (\$1.95). This is the story of Dr. Carl K. Becker who found the Oicha mission hospital deep in Congo's vast Ituri forest. Here he poured contemporary meaning into the old-fashioned Biblical terms, "faith," "obedience to the will of God," and "prayer" by the effusion of thirty-eight years of dynamic Christian living as a missionary medical doctor, leprosy researcher, evangelist, church planter, medical educator and mission director. This book and the life of which it tells voices a thundering "No!" to the question "Was it all in vain?" that has haunted Christians since the martyrdom of so many missionaries in the Congo. 

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The National WMC Constitution, revised and passed unanimously by the delegates at the 1971 conference, will be printed and mailed to all councils in the near future.

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AFRICA

Thomas Daniel McDairmant January 3, 1961
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Cathy Lynne Klus January 3, 1967
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Mrs. Thomas McDairmant January 7
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler January 7
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Mrs. Jean-Louis Steudler January 19
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Mrs. Martin M. Garber January 22
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Timothy Lee Klus January 31, 1959
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

ARGENTINA

Ivan Wayne Hoyt January 5, 1958
Estanislao del Campo 1377, Villa Sarmiento-Haedo, F.C.D.F.S., Argentina, S.A.
Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy January 27
Quintana 353, Adroque, F.C.G.R., Bs. As., Argentina, S.A.

Jonathan Edgar Fay January 28, 1966
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL

Arthur Allen Burk January 10, 1954
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.
Curtis Allen Schwartz January 11, 1963
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.
Rev. George K. Wallace January 30
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.

EUROPE

Miss Lois Wilson January 5
Kleine Markt, 11, 2000-Antwerp, Belgium.
Dr. Larry Pfahler January 27
Foyer International d'Etudiants, Rue Marechal Leclerc, 21—Dijon, France.

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900 James Road, Sp. 9, Oildale, California 93308.
David Michael Cover January 3, 1965
236 W. Beverly Pl., Tracy, Calif. 95376.
David Bruce Hocking January 15, 1957
648 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, California 90814.
David George Peters January 26, 1957
Route 1, Wooster, Ohio 44691.
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*Your
National
WMC
Officers
Wish You
a Blessed
Thanksgiving
Season*

A HEART TO PRAISE THEE

*Thou hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart:
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be
Thy praise.*

—George Herbert
17th Century Poet

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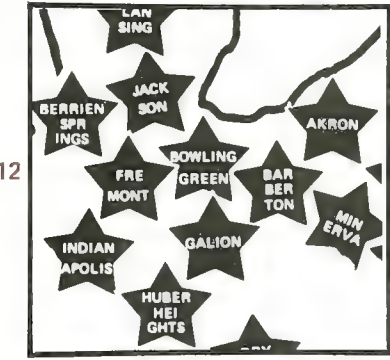
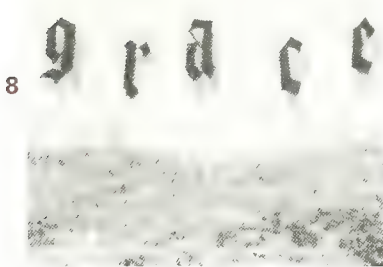
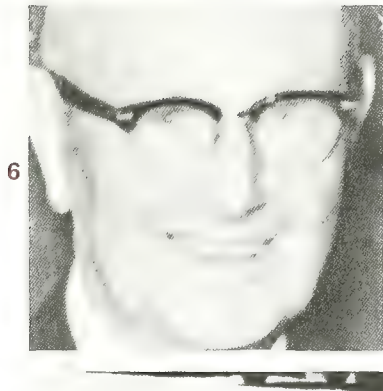
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Only a few families . . . but God! (See page 8)



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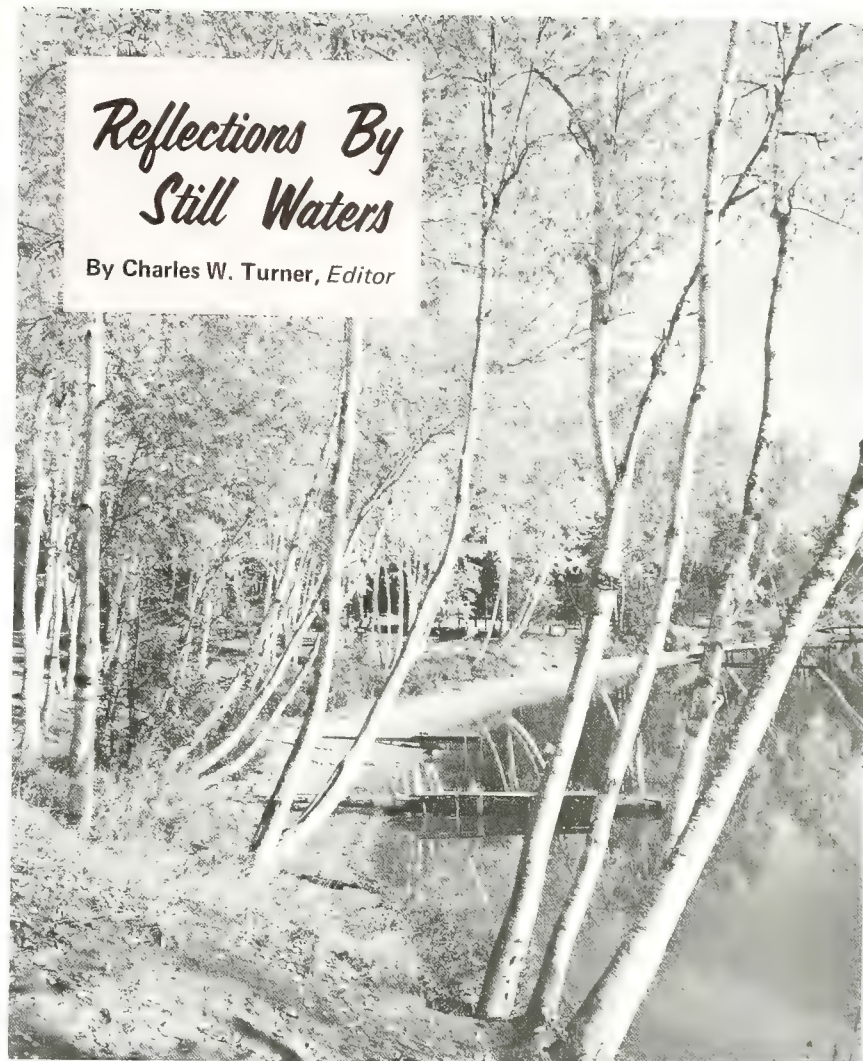
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Thoughts on Prayer Abuse

All the privileges offered by God afford the opportunity of use or abuse in their exercise. Prayer is no different from all of the other benefits. The Bible tells of ways in which we can abuse prayer. We may do it as a show, or with vain repetition, or perhaps as a means of fulfilling our own personal desires (cf. Matt. 6:5, 7; James 4:3). There are also other practices of prayer that seem to me to be an abuse.

One of these misuses of prayer is what I call Prayer Announcements. The main difficulty here is that it is directed to man rather than God. I have at times caught myself making announcements in my prayers. Other pastors might not be guilty of this, but I must confess that I have reminded the people, through the Lord of course, that there would be a Sunday evening service that started at seven o'clock. In case they did not yet get the point, I might even slip in the fact that there would be special music. Now, I am certain that the Lord knew about this meeting and most of the people knew about it as well. That is, if they had listened to the previous announcements and read the Mandate of the Ministry—the Sunday bulletin. How many announcements have been made by the Sunday-school superintendent, the Sunday-school teacher, and the pastor during prayer time and benedictions no one will ever know. If they were placed end to end they could fill volumes. Now I do not regard this as being in the same category as not praying at all, but it is not praying in the Biblical sense of the word. It is really more of an announcement period while eyes are closed and heads bowed and a minimum of peeking.

There is another type of prayer-request announcements that disturb me. If I were not diplomatic I would call it Prayer Gossip, but since I am diplomatic, I will not call it that. This takes the form of one who knows something that he or she is just so excited about telling, but wonders whether he should or shouldn't. So, to sanctify the expression, they tell you about it so you can pray more intelligently about the whole matter. Oftentimes they will not tell everything,



Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner, Editor

which generally leaves the mind open to fill in the details, without a basis of facts—which is not generally a good thing for the mind to do. Besides, if the requester did tell all, his friends would not have occasion to ask him later about details, and that would really ruin the whole experience. This is not to say that there is no need to pray for one another and to share one another's burdens. It is to point out the fact that gossip, and the passing of information that is harmful to others, still remains gossip even if it is prefaced with pious tones in the form of a prayer request. Usually the motives of such a person are more obvious to others than to himself.

Another prayer abuse is just sheer neglect. We just do not pray enough and in the right manner. God gave us specific guidelines to follow. The Christian who says he loves God and yet will not speak to Him shows a

great inconsistency. I remember being asked once about whether I believed that two people who loved each other could dwell in the same house and not speak. Well, I expressed my opinions and doubts on the subject. Then I was informed of a case where people in the same house had not spoken for months. I found that hard to believe. If they didn't get along that well, I would think that they would break the silence on occasions just for a good verbal argument. Yet, there are many who profess Christ who, too often, give Him the "silent treatment."

There are many abuses of prayer, but there are many good uses, too. Do I have to remind you that we can pray for one another, thank God for blessings, ask for help in time of need, confess our sins, and often thank Him for dying for our transgressions?

Well, maybe we all need a reminder from time to time.

Church News

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Records are still being broken at the First Brethren Church as 1,640 gathered recently for an evening service to hear Hal Lindsey, author of the best seller "The Late Great Planet Earth." An after-church youth rally with Mr. Lindsey saw over 800 young people present to hear him give a challenge entitled, "The Real Future Shock." There were many confessions of faith in Christ.

The church has recently begun double services in the morning, with a marked increase in church attendance. The church also voted for a constitutional change with regard to the plurality of elders and their role and ministry in the local assembly. David Hocking, pastor.

OKEECHOBEE, FLA. A new pastor will begin serving here on Dec. 5—Rev. Thomas Miller. Pastor Miller has been the associate pastor at First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, since graduation from Grace Seminary in 1969. The congregation is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Millers.

MEYERSDALE, PA. A new and different description of the weather that was present during the Fetterhoff meetings held at the Summit Mills church was given by the evangelist as follows: "A person could almost drown just trying to breathe!" With the exception of Wednesday, it rained every night of the meetings just about time for the service, in fact, one night the people stayed in their cars for almost 20 minutes waiting for the rain to slacken so they could run into the church. In spite of the inclement weather, the Lord sent His blessings and there were 10 first-time confessions and 10 decisions for rededications. There were many visitors, with one lady having brought 17 visitors, two of whom made first-time decisions. The Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church dismissed evening services so that they could cooperate in the meetings at Summit Mills. Roy Kreimes, pastor.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST.

Mrs. Nathan Meyer is in need of prayer concerning her health. The doctors seem to be in doubt as to a diagnosis for the ailment that has afflicted her, therefore, they have not been able to treat the case satisfactorily. Will the prayer warriors ask the Great Physician to lead in this time of utter dependence upon His wisdom?

DAYTON, OHIO. "Many people in the greater Dayton area experienced 'invasion' recently as a result of the Lay Institute for Evangelism. The Holy Spirit took control of the lives of many in a real way, making no little impact. On Saturday, for instance, about 1,000 people went out over Dayton to share Christ. Unofficial results showed that about 200 people prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

"On Sunday afternoon, 46 people from the Patterson Park Brethren Church shared Christ in the Patterson Park-Oakwood area. During that two-hour period, 23 people invited Christ into their lives. Many who had never led anyone to Christ before had the privilege of doing so. Other reports of persons coming to Christ through our people have now brought the total since to 35. Needless to say, it was the Lord who did it!" John R. Terrell, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Grace Brethren Church continues to rejoice as they review the visible results of the recent meetings conducted by Rev. Allen Herr, which included 6 first-time decisions, 27 rededications, and 3 more decisions the Sunday following the meetings. There was an average attendance of 85 at the services. Quentin Matthes, pastor.

CYPRESS, CALIF. A Film Festival was presented on Oct. 10 in connection with Community Contact program of the church. This program was held following the regular evening service. There were cartoons for the children, followed by "Signposts Aloft," a Moody "Sermon from Science" production, and "Lost in the Crowd."

Over a thousand flyers were mailed to the community announcing the event, and there were approximately 165 in attendance. Free coffee, cider, doughnuts, and tracts were given out at the festival.

Excitement and enthusiasm are mounting as preliminary plans are being made to begin preparing the newly acquired church property for building in the future. Paul Norris, pastor, states: "We thank and praise the Lord for providing this property for the 'Future Home of the Grace Brethren Church of Cypress!' If you are in this area, why not drive by the corner of Orange and Juanita Sts., and take a look?"

LEESBURG, IND. Rev. Ralph Burns has accepted the unanimous call to become full-time pastor of the Leesburg Brethren Church. He will terminate his position as assistant manager of the College Bookstore at Winona Lake on Dec. 31. Mr. Burns has been serving the church as part-time pastor since Aug. 1.

On Oct. 10 the members and friends of the church met together to observe the 25th anniversary of the starting of the church. Rev. Clyde Landrum, first full-time pastor, was guest speaker in the morning service which was followed by a luncheon and afternoon service when many former members and friends met to talk over old times. Pictures were shown of the growth of the church. The day was climaxed by an all-musical service in the evening. The goal for this special day of paying off the mortgage on the parsonage was met in full. Ralph Burns, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Covington, Va.	Dec. 10-12	W. Carl Miller	John Whitcomb
St. Petersburg, Fla.	Dec. 12-17	William Tweeddale	Nathan Meyer



CAMP MACK, IND. At a recent district ministerium retreat held here, Dr. Russell D. Barnard was honored on the anniversary of his 50th year in the ministry. A slide presentation of some of the events in Dr. Barnard's life was presented by Rev. Charles Ashman. Many of the pastors present related circumstances of how Dr. Barnard had influenced their ministry. He is shown above with a cake which was presented to him, and although it can't be seen too well, a large "50" decorated the top of the cake.

IS IT THE ARK? This is the title of a new four-page brochure just published by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Written by well-known evangelist and Bible conference speaker, Rev. Nathan Meyer, it contains the article which originally appeared regarding the Ark in the January 9, 1971 issue of the *Herald*, as well as a sequel containing all the latest information. It is fascinating and thought-provoking material, and is being offered in brochure form due to the tremendous interest generated by the original article which appeared last January. Copies are offered to our readers at 15¢ each (minimum order, 6 copies), or \$14.00 for 100, postage paid. Send your request to the Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

PORTLAND, OREG. The Grace Brethren Church has sold their property to another group. Temporarily, all mail should be sent to Rev. William Schaffer's home address—4218 N.E. 131st Pl., Portland, Oreg. 97230. Continue to remember this church and pastor in prayer during the period of transition as they seek the Lord's guidance in relocating. William Schaffer, pastor.

TEMECULA, CALIF. Christian Education will be the future area of ministry for Rev. Robert Kliever, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Seal Beach, Calif. Mr. Kliever will serve as president of Linfield School, which was formerly Culter Academy of Los Angeles. He will be instrumental in helping to develop a 100-acre campus which will be a boarding school as well as a day high school.

FREMONT, OHIO. The date of Nov. 28 will be one long remembered at the Grace Brethren Chapel as dedication of the new addition was observed with Rev. Lester Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, as speaker at the special services. It was when Mr. Pifer was pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont that the work at the chapel was started. Since that time there has been remarkable growth in attendance which made the new addition necessary. The first service in the chapel was attended only by the pastor, Marion Thomas, this was in November of 1969. The second Sunday there were 11 present, and in less than 2 years the attendance has swelled to the 100 mark. Most of the work on the addition to the chapel has been done by volunteer labor. Many have accepted the Lord as Saviour here in the services, and others have been encouraged in their Christian walk. Praise is given to the Lord for His constant provision—"He giveth and giveth and giveth again." Marion Thomas, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A unique advantage is being accepted by 18 people who have enrolled in a college-level course in New Testament Greek that is being offered by the Los Altos Brethren Church. Dr. Harry Sturz, who is a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach and also professor at Biola College, is teaching the course. The church is looking forward to the benefit that it will glean from those who are taking the course.

There were 38 from this same congregation who attended the Institute of Basic Youth Conflicts which was held at the Long Beach Arena from Oct. 4 to 9. Those attending this institute felt it was most worthwhile. Donald Shoemaker, pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA. To share brings joy. This was the experience of the congregation at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church as they shared their baptistry in a baptismal service with the Cumberland, Md., Grace Brethren Church. The Cumberland church had 12 candidates for baptism and the Meyersdale church had 6. Mr. Fred Swearmen, one of those baptized, accepted the Lord as his Saviour and was baptized at the age of 81 years. Robert Burns is pastor of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church and Michael Funderburg is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Cumberland, Md.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janet Connor and Lynn Airesman, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Linda Glessner and Marlin Hottle, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Juanee Kathryn Sharpe and Joseph Bush, June 26, at the Grace Brethren Church, Mabton, Wash.

Trudy Inman and Daniel Bose, Aug. 28, Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Neb. Pastor Thomas Inman, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Linda Jou Pritts and Lewis Gomer, Aug. 28, Meyersdale, Pa.

Jane Ann Hoover and John Currie, Sept. 4, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Joyce Ann Blessing and Michael Bowers, Sept. 11, Clayton Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio.

Denise Louise Rager and Wade Knight, Jr., Sept. 18. Rev. Adam Rager, father of the bride, performed the ceremony at Lillington, N. C., assisted by Pastor G. W. Fraley.

Diana True and Paul Pomeroy, Sept. 18, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

Rachel Shank and Orville Flora, Sept. 25, First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio. Rev. Harold Combs officiated at the ceremony assisted by Pastor George Ritchey.

Marilyn Vnasdale and Charles Orlando, Jr., Oct. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Rev. Richard Grant and Rev. Ralph Hall officiated.

A Bouquet - Not a Wreath

Two events, poles apart, are the terminal points in the ministry of one of God's faithful servants, now well advanced in years.

The first of these two events had its setting in the pasture field in the meadow of my parent's farm in central Pennsylvania. It was the year 1920. I had been saved during the previous winter, but had not been baptized. Then came the month of June. My brother Joe had just graduated from college; had taken his college sweetheart, Miss Beatrice Smith, as his bride; and was on his way to his first Brethren pastorate in western Pennsylvania via his parent's central rural position in the Keystone State. You see, he and his bride wanted a brief vacation before beginning the toils of a new pastorate. This was my opportunity. I asked Joe to baptize me, which he agreed to do. There, in a small stream running through a meadow on my parent's farm, he led me into my watery grave, then assisted me from the water, a happy youth, rejoicing in having obeyed my Lord in this symbolic act. My family shared in the service from the bank of that historic stream: historic for me, that is. This was my brother's first administration of Christian baptism.

The final scene occurred fifty years later in Ohio. Scott Beichler, nine-year-old son of Doris and Jim Beichler, having received Jesus Christ as his Saviour, was led by his grandfather, Joseph Gingrich, into the water for baptism. Doris is Joe and Bea's youngest daughter, and Scott was her

Joe
Gingrich



son—hence their grandson. That was Joe's latest baptism; perhaps his final one, for he is now retired from the active ministry. What joy must have been theirs as this scene unfolded. What a fitting conclusion to more than fifty years of fruitful service to the One loved and served so faithfully. Both first and final baptisms were for members of Joe's family, but fifty years apart.

—By Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich,
Longview, Texas

MAITLAND, FLA. The blessings of the Lord were felt here on Sept. 19 which was the third anniversary of the dedication of the new building. A time of special rejoicing was felt as announcement was made that \$5,000 had been given toward the proposed two-story multipurpose addition. Sept. 19 was also a special date for Pastor and Mrs. Miller as it was their 24th Wedding Anniversary, and the congregation presented them with a most generous monetary gift.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Ord Gehman, 151 Outer Dr., Santa Paula, Calif. 93060. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Collins, 503 E. View Dr., Mulvane, Kans. 67110. Rev. and Mrs. Phillip J. Simmons, 2231 Swatara St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17104. Pastor Simmons assumed the pastorate of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church effective Nov. 14. The cities of Simi, Calif., and Santa Susana, Calif., have merged and are now called Simi Valley. All correspondence to the church or Pastor E. John Gillis should be changed to Simi Valley, Calif. The zip codes remain the same—Church 93065, Pastor's home address—93063. Please change *Annual*.

In Memory

Death notices appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BURKET, Dessa May 73, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 21. She was a charter member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church and a sister of Pastor Homer Lingenfelter of Everett, Pa., and Rev. Galen Lingenfelter of Elyria, Ohio. John Gregory, pastor.

FIRL, Floyd, departed this life in the early part of this year. He was a member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church. Roy Kreimes, pastor.

GRAY, Dorothea B., long-time member of the Grace Brethren Church (Juniata), Altoona, Pa., went to be with her Lord Sept. 23. Richard McCarthy, pastor.


HODSON, Leroy, 75, went to be with his Lord on Oct. 6. Mr. Hodson was a member of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. He was also a member of the Gideon Bible Society, Christian Business Men's Association and was a trustee of the Grace Brethren Retirement Village Home.

HOOVER, Elsie 83, was ushered into the presence of her Lord Sept. 18. Mrs. Hoover was the wife of Rev. Morse Hoover, a Brethren minister, and she had been a charter member of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Hoover was the mother of Mrs. John Aeby of Waterloo, Iowa. Pastor John Talley officiated at the memorial service.

MILLER, Samuel, a member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, departed from his earthly pilgrimage. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Roy Kreimes.

MYERS, Clark, 81, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 23. He was a licensed minister in the Brethren Church for over 40 years, and at the time of his death was a member of the Lansing Grace Brethren Church. Harry Froehlich, Jr., pastor.

WHITE, Roland (Major), was called home Aug. 20 and his pastor conducted the funeral service with interment in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Paul E. Dick, pastor.



"Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving, and make a
joyful noise unto him with psalms."
—Psalms 95:2



DEDICATION OF GRACE

It was a monumental task for
such a few families. But God had moved
and surely He would bring to pass
the work which He had begun.

By Rev. William Gardner
Pastor, Richmond, Virginia

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD"...

In any beginning, God is there or there is no beginning at all. God brought together, seemingly out of nothing, those components of a new church in Richmond, Virginia. It was Jesus Christ who said, "I will build my church." It is He who has accomplished the work.

The work began in the heart of a young man and his wife, Bill and Anita Gardner, during the last year of preparation at Grace Theological Seminary. God clearly laid upon their hearts a driving compulsion to go to the city of Richmond, Virginia (a city in excess of a half-million people), to begin the work of building a church. As of that time, there had been no attempt at Bible classes, and, indeed, few contacts with Brethren people anywhere in the area. Trusting God to supply the financial backing in His time, the young pastor and his wife left Indiana for Richmond. God supplied! Support was soon forthcoming from some individuals, then from the Southeast District Mission Board, and this was followed by The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Following arrival in Richmond, an initial attempt was made to find families interested in the work. By April of 1967, a small group had been formed which then met in a community center. This group of four families was organized into a church and received into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the following August. These same families have remained faithful to the work to which they were brought "in the beginning" by God.

"AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED"...

With the new church, a decision had to be made as to location for the future church building. The Spirit of God led into the southwest portion of the city where a spot was pinpointed in a rapidly growing section, populated by many of the younger administrative personnel and professional people of the area. But where to meet? No place could be found within a reasonable distance. And so, "the Spirit of God moved" toward the purchase of a five-acre tract within several hundred yards of the pinpointed location. Under guarantee of the Brethren Investment Foundation, \$20,000 was paid for the property. God had moved the people to a certain location; the next step, quite obviously, had to be the erection of a building. Here again, "the Spirit of God moved." This time He laid it upon the heart of the people to re-

quest that the surrounding churches of both the Mid-Atlantic District and our own Southeast District help in the erection of the building. Approval was given to the plan by the Home Missions Council and the building was started in the winter of 1968. With so few men in the local church, this was a monumental task...but God had moved and surely He would bring to pass that work which He had begun.

"AND GOD BLESSED THEM"...

During those two years of construction God blessed in many ways. He brought several faithful people in for short periods of time. Each of these was able to help in the work. God blessed in the cooperation of a number of churches in the districts. As an example of this, the day that the roof was put on the building, in spite of a snowstorm that had started that morning, we had over forty people working. Such was the constant backing of the district churches. Financial help has likewise been coming from the district toward the expenses of the work.

God also blessed in laying it upon the heart of many who had to work on the building, or from whom materials had to be secured, to assist us. Innumerable are the accounts of repeated instances in which either outright gifts or greatly discounted materials were brought to us, often by people completely unconnected with the work. In this way a totally carpeted, fully air-conditioned building of surprising beauty has been brought into existence at a minimal cost.

This year God blessed in allowing us to purchase another tract of land, this time at \$12,000, which greatly im-



Rev. Lester E. Pifer (left), with special speaker Rev. Frank Gardner, Pastor William Gardner, and Rev. Lester Kennedy, president of the district mission board.

proved our location. This corner property, along with our original land, gives us seven acres for the use of the Lord in His work which lies ahead. God's material blessings have brought us to dedication time with land and building values in excess of \$120,000, having a current indebtedness of \$52,000! This He has done with just a handful of people! Obviously, it is God who has blessed.

*"AND GOD SAID UNTO THEM,
BE FRUITFUL, AND
MULTIPLY"...*

The dedication of the building and land was held on September 25, 1971. But more was dedicated that day than just facilities; for in God's plan it is His people that He wants dedicated to reaching others for His glory. If we are not dedicated to this, all else is to no avail.

Frank Gardner, the pastor's brother, was both dedication speaker

and the tool of God in a week-long New Life Conference which followed. During this week, God spoke to the people that they, in turn, might be fruitful. Two accepted Christ as Saviour at this time, seven others made public decisions in the areas of dedication of life and confession of sin. People were drawn together by the power of the Spirit of God into a renewed dedication to the task that God has set before us. A spirit of love and unity was instilled by God in order that His church might "be fruitful, and multiply."

But this is just "in the beginning." God has moved! God has blessed! God has given commandment to be fruitful! Pray with us that we will be faithful to His calling, then truly we can know...

*"AND GOD SAW EVERY
THING THAT HE HAD MADE,
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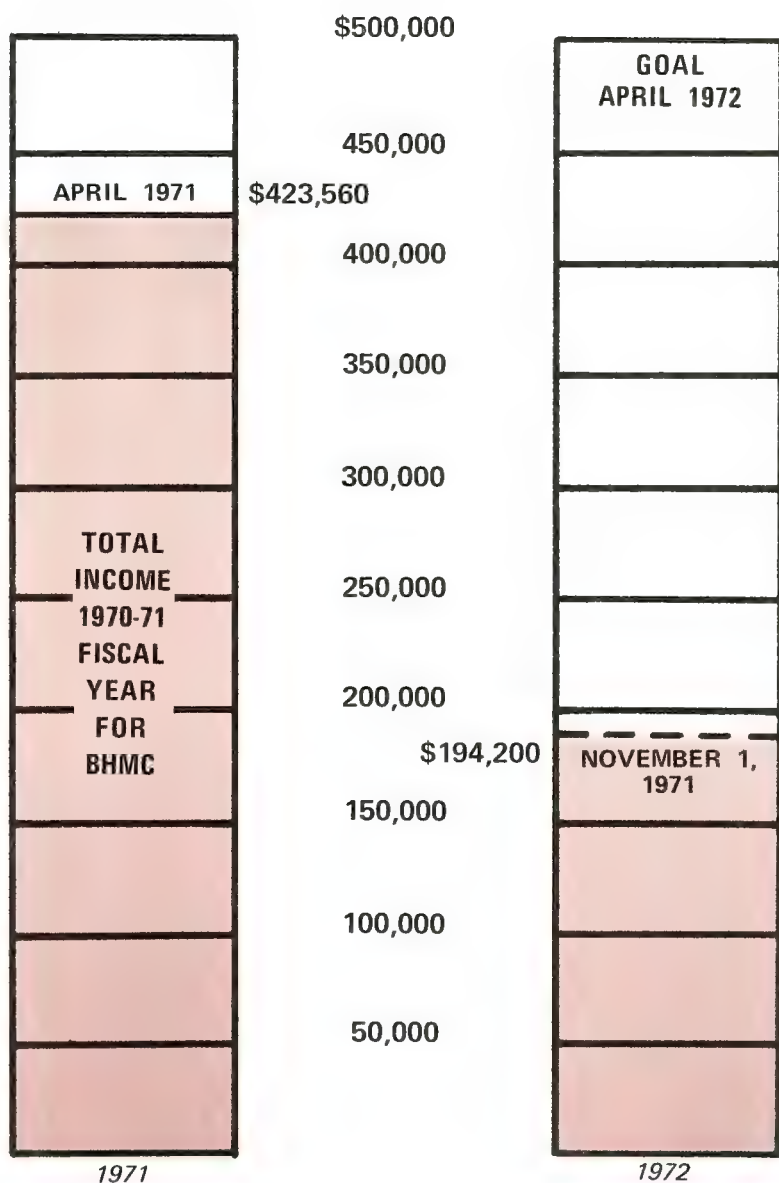


AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY-

WHO CARES?

By Lester E. Pifer

The Brethren Church faces a dramatic question as God awakens sinful people to see their condition: "Who will be there with the message of God to deal with those souls?"



It is with faith that we believe that our Brethren team composed of local churches, district mission boards, and yielded missionaries will move toward greater heights of effective united service for the glory of God.

It was a dark day in Israel when God dropped the curtain of judgment on King Herod. This powerful leader had made great strides in Israel economically, militarily and internationally. However, discord, idolatry and immorality grew in the wake of his leadership. Recent excavations have revealed to the archaeological world the heights of riches and luxury in which this tyrant lived as well as the sordid moral decay into which he had plunged. It was little wonder that God rang down the curtain on his reign at the peak of his career. At the climax of a great speech, in the midst of a tumultuous response, when "the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of man" God's mighty hand was revealed. "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost" (read Acts 12:20-23).

There follows one of the most significant statements in all of Holy Writ, "But the word of God grew and multiplied" (Acts 12:24). In an hour of national calamity, sorrow and judgment God is able to and will bless His Word.

President Nixon has just stated that the U.S.A. is the richest and most powerful nation on earth. But in the same paragraph he warns that no nation is stronger than its spiritual and moral courage. Living in a nation characterized by unrighteousness and increasing wickedness, we can expect the impending judgment of God (Ps. 9:17; Prov. 14:34).

The Brethren people hold in their hands the message of the Word of God that is able to bring conviction of sin, repentance from sin, and deliverance from the penalty and guilt of sin. What the Brethren Church and other Christian agencies do with their spiritual resources will determine the course of this nation. Seemingly God has awakened and allowed people to see their condition to a certain extent, but a dramatic question must be put: Who will be there with the message of God to deal with that soul?

The Brethren Home Missions

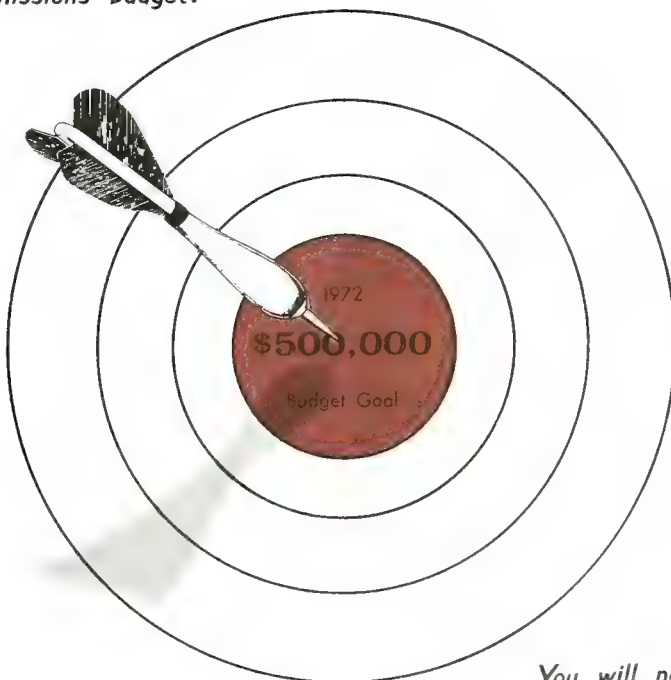
Council, the national evangelistic outreach arm of church extension in our Fellowship, is uniquely prepared for this amazing opportunity. A nationwide plan to place strategic, missionary, church-centers in every state is already in operation. Young men and women committed to home-mission work are in preparation for service. God has been pleased to empower, enlighten and give response in precious souls won for Christ. It is with faith that we believe that our Brethren team composed of local churches, district mission boards, and yielded missionaries will move toward greater heights of effective united service for the glory of God.

Our 1972 goal of \$500,000 for home missions is before us. It will require a 20 percent increase in giving over last year. In the midst of economic recession it will require more

prayer, sacrifice and dedication of gifts and self.

America is responding to the power of the Gospel. The need for strong Christ-committed, Bible-believing, soul-winning, missionary-minded churches is apparent. God is blessing the church which believes the truth and acts to relate that precious message to the minds and souls of the lost. The Brethren Church can have a major share in bringing spiritual revival and harvest; or she can, like so many others, sink into the pool of complacency and contribute to the spiritual stagnation and corruption of a nation drifting from God. We trust that you will place your spiritual resources and efforts in the Brethren team to make this another year of victory in reaching more of our nation with the Gospel.

*Set your goal
to be on target
for a record Home
Missions budget!*



*You will need
to aim a little
higher this year!*

Our Brethren pe

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HAVE YOU EVER TURNED ASIDE?

Don't think me morbid when I say that I try to make it a practice to read the obituary columns of a Philadelphia newspaper. Why do I do this? One reason is to learn the religious status at the time of death of those who bear Jewish names. Now, Philadelphia has a large Jewish population, but months of perusing obituary columns has revealed only one Christian man of Hebrew background, an old acquaintance and a missionary to his people, for whom it was "... absent from the body, ... present with the Lord"! (II Cor. 5:8). And I ask myself over and over again, "Why?" I believe I know the answers, but I still ask the "why."

Recently, we participated in the Leighton Ford Crusade in Philadelphia, held in a Jewish vicinity where we were to have the special privilege of being advisors in what I termed the "Jewish Corner"—those of Israel who wished to make a decision were to be referred to us. Sally and I, as well as others, had surged into Jewish neighborhoods in personal house calls and by telephone for some weeks prior to the crusade to contact our Hebrew friends. Out of 1,095 who came forward, not one Jewish person was referred to us for counseling. In

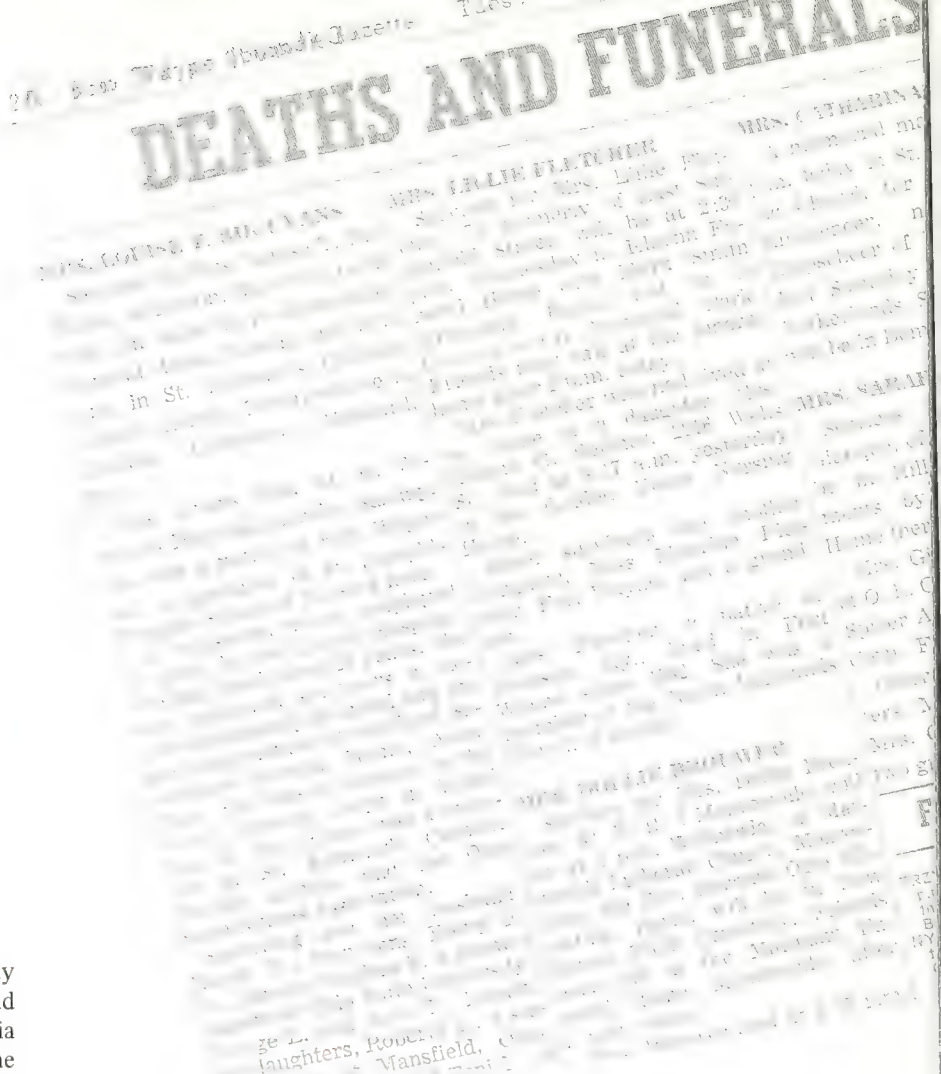
checking later, we were advised by headquarters that only one Jewish decision was recorded, and that undoubtedly on a night we were unable to be at the crusade. We praise the Lord for the one Jewish soul, but again the vital truth was revealed—Jewish evangelism is difficult! Again, I was to ask the "why!"

And I was to give myself an answer for I remembered an incident in the shadow of the cross. A Jewish audience on that day had gazed on the One who had healed the sick, had cast out demons, had made the lame to leap and jump, had raised the dead! Still echoing in their ears were the shouts of "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" as Messiah Jesus had approached the City, which in the sight of God is the geographical center of

the world! Had the onlookers not seen in this the fulfillment of the prophecy made by the prophet Zechariah (Zech. 9:9)?

But this was a faithless crowd. Again they had evidenced their unbelief, "We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?" (John 12:34). The Man of Sorrows, I believe, must have fixed a long look upon that multitude which stood in spiritual darkness, and reminded compassionately, "... Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not where he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the sons of light..." (John 12:35-36). Later, His beloved disciple, borne along by the Holy Spirit, was to write that these could not believe "... because that Esaias said again, He

By John S. Neely



hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them" (John 12:39-40). How I thank God the cause is not hopeless, for I read in verse 42 which follows that many chief rulers among the Jews believed.

Obituary columns which seldom reveal the evidence of Hebrew Christians, and one Jewish commitment out of 1,095 decisions which were recorded—this is a sad commentary! Are Jewish ears still heavy, hearts hardened, eyes blinded? Over and over again Isaiah's prophecy looms before us as we present to our Jewish friends the One who is the Light that will dispel their spiritual darkness—but we must remember John 12:42 is in the Book—many of the chief rulers had believed! We must read again of Paul's desire for his people and be stirred! We must heed his exhortation in Romans 11:11 to provoke our Jewish friends so much they will long for what we have! We must go to lost souls in the Jewish communities, and that means

Right Station, Wrong Town

"Please Send a Bible" article in the September 18, 1971, issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* had radio station KREW in Toppenish, Washington, and it should have read Sunnyside, Washington. We are sorry about this error, for the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside sponsors the broadcast and their town deserved the credit for having a radio station that will carry this gospel program.—FJP

we must go aside from the usual paths of Gentile evangelization to walk on roads our Jewish friends are traveling!

I suppose many of these things were in my heart when I recently wrote the words and music of a missionary song, "Have You Ever Gone Aside?" It will never go down as a masterpiece of Christian hymnody or of poetic composition, but it does reveal my burden!

The question, "Have You Ever Gone Aside?" should be answered by every Christian. Have you turned aside from the well-walked paths of Gentile evangelization into the lonely paths Jewish people have walked for cen-

turies—roads of fear, persecution, lack of understanding—to reach those in Israel who are spiritually deaf, hardened, and blinded?

As I look at obituary columns, I sadly note that the Jew to whom we owe so much still walks "through the valley of the shadow of death" without the Shepherd of Israel. And I bear the hope in my heart that the believing church membership will lovingly contact our Jewish friends in the office, the shop, the business relationship, or on some lonely path on which you may join them as our Lord did one day on that Emmaus road. Will you turn aside?



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The Price of Distinctiveness

Across the nation it is estimated that there is a record enrollment of freshmen in the colleges amounting to 1,885,000. This means that more students than ever have registered at institutions of higher learning. But when this enrollment is analyzed it reveals that in most cases this upsurge has been at public tax-supported institutions. In general, the trend away from private institutions is being severely felt in some and threatens the very existence of other institutions.

Over the past thirty years there has been a very definite but gradual trend away from the private to the tax-supported public institution. Percentage-wise the proportion then was about 50-50. Twenty years ago enrollment slipped to 40 percent in private schools and 60 percent in public schools. As of this date it is running about 25 percent and 75 percent. It could be that the evaluation of enrollment this fall will show it running about 20 percent and 80 percent. The estimates are that within another five years or less the percentages will be 14 percent and 86 percent.

In northern Indiana the development department of Grace Schools ran a survey of results in this fall enrollment. Only one private institution of the eighteen schools that were contacted had an increase in enrollment. Public institutions were up slightly. But Grace topped them all with an increase of 15.6 percent.

There is no question that the explanation for this shift in enrollment must be traced to the financial situation. Tax-supported institutions have been able to control the rise in costs to the student by shifting the burden of rising costs to the taxpayer, while private institutions have been forced to lay an increasing burden of costs on the student in the form of tuition and fees.

This does not necessarily mean that the costs to students have been lower at public institutions. It does mean

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

that tuition has been less. But other costs borne by the student add to the tuition and fees, so that the final figure is about the same as that paid at private institutions. This is not always realized by the student when he makes the shift. But eventually he discovers this fact, and by that time it is too late to reverse his decision.

However, in making the shift to the public tax-supported institution, the student has no great regrets, for he merely moves from the atmosphere and educational offerings of the private to the public, and they are approximately the same. If anything, the increase in size and awesomeness of the public institution has a tendency to relieve any regrets that might otherwise be felt.

This trend away from the private institution is being carefully analyzed by the experts in the field of admissions. Over the past several years these men have been giving educators the results of their findings. As recent as last August several members of the staff of Grace College were in attendance at a conference on fiscal policy. It was pointed out there that private schools must major on *distinctiveness* if they expect to survive. This means just one thing, namely, that a school must offer something that students cannot get at any other institution of higher learning. If students want that thing, then they must attend the school which offers it.

Just what that distinctive discipline will be must be decided by each institution in particular. Even this will not completely solve the problem of admissions, for students must still live within certain limitations, and the financial is certainly one. In the event that a private institution prices itself out of the market so far as the stu-

dent's ability to pay the costs, even though it may offer something distinctive, it may be expected that that school will suffer a decline in enrollment.

Up to this point, Grace Schools have been able to maintain a distinctiveness at a price within the student range. Therefore, as a result there has been an increasing enrollment. That is certainly true again this year. You who read this column will already have been able to pinpoint the distinctiveness of Grace Schools. In particular, this institution is *distinctively* Christian. It came into existence to fulfill this need. It has sought through the years to maintain this difference. Whenever this quality disappears, there is no longer any reason for its existence, and it then deserves to die.

We must constantly fight the pressures to water down the Christian emphasis. This pressure is constantly with us. It is felt in the area of doctrine and philosophy, in the area of spirituality and dedication, in the area of morals and pattern of life. This pressure affects the faculty, administration, board of trustees, students and constituency. This fifth-column movement can only be successfully withstood by putting on the whole armor of God. Let us pray that every adherent to Grace Schools will join in standing against this trend.

But there is also need to emphasize the importance of arresting the financial trend. Over the years at Grace a greater portion of the current operational expense is being borne by the student, and the amount being borne by the supporters of Grace is diminishing. In twenty years of time the student has gone from sharing 30 percent of the costs to 90 percent. The gifts from the supporters have dwindled from 70 percent to less than 10 percent. This trend is alarming. It could spell the doom of the school, if it is not arrested.

The economic trends of nations all across the world have reached such proportions that it was necessary for the government of the United States to impose a wage-price freeze. Without a doubt this will be succeeded by strict controls of some kind. This is bound to affect Grace Schools. By all means then, if you count this institution dear to you, then do your best to continue, and, if at all possible, increase your gifts to the school. ☛

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Grace College Stages Unusual "Rock Festival"

More than seven hundred enthusiastic Grace College students and faculty members recently conducted a highly successful "hard rock festival" on the former Will and Verna Bennett farm just one-half mile south of campus off Pierceton Road.

Some working on hands and knees, others with rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows, the group picked up several truck loads of stones from the new fifteen-acre athletic field now under development.

Planned facilities include a regulation size soccer field with an eight-lane all-weather quarter-mile track around the field, a baseball diamond, possible practice field, and a parking area for

four hundred cars.

Earth moving and grading were done by Gale Smith Excavating under the supervision of Ralph Hall of the Brethren Architectural Service.

According to Arnold R. Kriegbaum, chairman of the new athletic field committee, sod will be laid on the soccer field and baseball infield this fall. It will be at least a year before the field will be ready for use. Other committee members are: Richard Dilling, Phil Jones, John Stoll, and Coach Chet Kammerer.

Cost of construction has been set at \$50,000. Mrs. R. Paul Miller, widow of the late Dr. R. Paul Miller, former evangelist and executive secretary of

Brethren Home Missions Board, has donated \$17,000 toward the project.

At Grace, physical education, intramural and intercollegiate athletics are regarded as an integral part of the total educational program, being one of the most effective means for the development of Christian character and the believer's body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Sports also provide an excellent form of recreation for the entire college community.

The new athletic field will provide more adequate facilities to meet the challenge of our growing student body.

The New Full-Time Faculty Members of Grace Schools

See page 24 of the October 16 issue of the Herald for a picture of the Grace Schools faculty members, including those introduced in this article.

It seems impossible that already we are well into the 1971-72 school year and no longer do the new teachers seem new. The students are finding out that their exams and assignments are as frequent and as difficult as those of the "older" teachers . . . and their love for the students and Christian dedication are real.

We gave you a brief introduction to these teachers in a previous issue of the *Herald*, but thought perhaps you'd like to get to know these men a little better. Let us introduce them to you . . .

Robert Lee Arend has been appointed to the faculty in the capacity of English instructor. Mr. Arend, a member of the Clara L. Myers Honor Society and the Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society for Teachers, previously served as Supervisor of Periodicals at Trinity College in Deerfield, Illinois, and as a member of the Chicagoland Youth for Christ staff.

A graduate of Western Michigan University, he also received a B.A. from Moody Bible Institute and a M.A. from both Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Northwestern University.

Arend is a member of Olivet Congregational Church in Bridgman, Michigan, where he has served the church in the capacity of pulpit supply and youth director.

Appointed as associate professor of Bible and chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy, **Dr. Stephen Dearborn** was previously employed at Fruco and Associates as an engineer while teaching part time at State Community College in East St. Louis, Illinois. Experienced in the field of education, Dr. Dearborn has taught at Bob Jones University and was professor and chairman of Biblical Studies at John Brown University. He has also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Buckeye, Arizona.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Dearborn also attended the Moody Bible Institute. He received his B.D. and Th.M. from Northern Baptist Seminary and his Th.D. from Grace Theological Seminary in 1961.

Professionally active, Dr. Dearborn is a member of

the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, the Triangle Fraternity and a former member of E.T.C. and N.E.F. He was also listed in *Who's Who in South and Southwest 1968*.

Dr. Dearborn and his wife, Helen, have two children, a daughter Judy and a son Greg.

Mr. Robert G. Elmer was appointed assistant business manager and instructor in business administration.

Mr. Elmer previously lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was business manager at St. John's Military Academy. He has also been employed as business manager and teacher of accounting at the Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Grand Rapids. Prior to this time he was a Finance Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

A member of several organizations, Elmer belongs to the National Association of Educational Buyers, National Association of College Stores, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges.

He received his B.S. from Bob Jones University in 1957 and later attended both the University of Omaha and the University of Kentucky. He is currently studying at Western Michigan University in preparation for his M.B.A.

Mr. Elmer and his wife, Pearl, have two children, Lynda, age 4, and Daniel, age 2.

Stephen Arthur Grill has joined the faculty in the area of speech. He graduated from Grace College magna cum laude in 1970 and then did graduate work in speech at Saint Francis College and is currently working toward his M.A. at Ball State University.

Mr. Grill was listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* and is also a member of the Speech Communication Association, and the Speech Association. He has written and published one play "Major General Arnold" and is currently working on another.

The Grills live in the Lamp Post Manor Apartments in Warsaw.

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Joining the faculty as a chemistry professor, **Paul Jacob Haney** was the former principal of Titcombe College in Nigeria, West Africa. Working under the Sudan Interior Mission, Haney has been associated with Titcombe College for nineteen years. Prior to this time he was in the U.S. Navy. He received his A.B. from Wheaton College in 1950, his M.S. in General Science from Syracuse University in 1962 and his N.S.F. from Beaver College in 1967.

Philip B. Jones, an instructor in Spanish, is from Grantham, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Janet, have one son, Philip, age 2. Previously Jones has taught at the Robert E. Lee High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, and the Jimtown High School in Elkhart, Indiana. He received his B.A. from Grace College and his M.S. from Georgetown University. He hopes to work on a Ph.D. in theoretical linguistics in the future.

Professionally active, Jones is a member of the N.E.A., The Virginia Coaches Association and the NAIA Athletic Association. Prof. Jones and his wife are members of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington.

Darryl E. Matter has been appointed associate professor of psychology and also chairman of the Department of Psychology. Well qualified for the position, Dr. Matter has taught Human Development courses at the Institute for Child Study at the University of Maryland, at Kansas State University, and also at the Capitol Institute of Technology. Researching, counseling and testing also are interests as is writing.

Dr. Matter studied at the Kansas State University where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees, and then went on to do graduate work at the University of Maryland.

Active in several organizations, Dr. Matter is a member of Omicron Nu, American Psychological Association and the American Association of University Professors.

Dr. Matter and his wife, Sharleen, are members of the Grace Brethren Church in Portis, Kansas.

The most recent faculty member to join the staff is **Dr. Joseph Serra**, associate professor of education and coordinator of student teaching.

Dr. Serra attended Wheaton College for two years, then transferred to Denison University where he received his B.A. in history. He also attended Western Michigan College where he received his M.A. in Counseling and Personnel, and Indiana University where he received his Ed.D. in Higher Education.

After teaching social studies and English at South Haven High School, Michigan, for several years, Dr. Serra accepted the position of assistant dean of men at Western Michigan University. In 1966 he went to Indiana University as a counselor. Again in the position of assistant dean of students, Dr. Serra went to Southern Illinois University in 1967. Previous to joining the faculty at Grace he was principal of Loy Norris High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dr. Serra is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Phi, Michigan Jaycees, Kiwanis, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, National Association of Secondary School Principals and Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Dr. Gary Tanner has joined the faculty serving in the capacity of assistant professor of Biology. He

attended Bob Jones University where he received his B.S., Clemson University where he received his M.S. and Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he received his Ph.D. His experience includes a research-teaching assistantship at Clemson University and an assistant chief, Evaluation Section of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The Tanner family lives in Winona Lake.

Kenneth Neil Taylor will be teaching in the field of American history and sociology. He is also chairman of the Sociology and Anthropology Department.

After receiving his diploma from Moody Bible Institute and his B.A. from Taylor University, Mr. Taylor continued his studies at Ball State University where he received his M.A. in June 1971. During the time he was at Ball State he also acted as pastor of the Mt. Zion Bible Church in Wilshire, Ohio.

Active in many organizations, Mr. Taylor belongs to the Organization of American Historians, the Western History Association, the American Sociological Association, and is also a member of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta.

Mr. Taylor's article, "Behavioral Patterns of Mountain Men 1800-1840" will be published in the near future.

Mr. Allen E. Thunell has been appointed assistant librarian. Previously he taught in the public school system of Lone Tree, Iowa, and also in Northern Michigan.

He is a graduate of Western Michigan University where he received a B.A. and M.L.S.. He has also graduated from Michigan State University with an M.A.. Thunell is a member of the National Honorary Science Fraternity, Kappa Rho Sigma.

Thunell's duties at Grace will be that of a reference librarian and audio-coordinator. He hopes to aid the students in utilizing the library materials.

Two new full-time instructors have also been added to the seminary faculty.

James R. Battenfield will be teaching Hebrew and Old Testament. He has taught at Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada, California. At San Diego State College, he received his B.A. and then continued his studies at Talbot Theological Seminary where he received his B.D. and Th.M. He is currently studying for his Th.D. at Grace Seminary.

Lee L. Kantenwein will be teaching homiletics and be assistant to the dean for student affairs.

Mr. Kantenwein has served as pastor for the past ten years. His most recent pastorate being at the Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego. During this time he was also active at Grace in the capacity of homiletics lab assistant and a teaching assistant in Hebrew.

His formal education included a Th.B. from Baptist Bible Seminary, B.D. cum laude and a Th.M. from Grace Theological Seminary.

The Kantenweins and their four children are living in Warsaw.

So there, you've met them—the thirteen new full-time members of the Grace Schools faculty. Men that not only have solid education behind them and a wealth of experience, but men that are dedicated to training Christian young people.

HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Inspite of dreary, drizzly weather, Grace Homecoming, October 22-23, 1971, was a successful event.

Activities began Friday evening, October 22, with the Homecoming Concert presented by the Grace College Music Department. The Winona Auditorium was full as the brass quartet began the program. Under the direction of Don Ogden and Jerry Franks, various other groups, such as the New Creations, the Freshmen Choir, the Concert Choir, and the Men's Octet performed.

After a brief intermission, Ron Henry emceed the coronation of the queen. The candidates included Ginny Hungerford from the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Washington, D.C.; Karen Stevens from the Community Bible Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania; and Doreen Warden from Judson Baptist Church, Oak Park, Illinois.

The winner—Miss Ginny Hungerford.

Last year's queen, Mrs. Jackie

By Linda Weddle

Frushour Thompson was present to crown Ginny. Mrs. Thompson is currently residing in California while her husband is stationed in Vietnam.

As the queen took her place on the platform, music filled the auditorium as the Dimensions in Brass began a musical package dedicated to Ginny and her court, which included besides her two senior attendants: freshman, Sherry Kaneshiro, from the Waipio Grace Brethren Church in Wahiawa, Hawaii; sophomore, Peggy Crawford from the Lombard Bible Church, Lombard, Illinois; and junior, Pam Teeple from the New Salem Church of the Brethren, Milford, Indiana.

Though the pep rally and bonfire had to be canceled, there was a good time of fellowship among alumni at the Lamp afterwards, as visitors renewed acquaintances and caught up on the latest news.

It was still drizzling Saturday morning, but not enough to stop the parade. It was under way at 10:00 a.m. as the fire engine sirens signaled the beginning. The floats, the queen and her court, the alumni officers, the band, the soccer team and cheerleaders all contributed to its success. Many of the residents of Warsaw and Winona Lake watched as the parade traveled down Warsaw's Market Street.

By game time, Saturday afternoon, the soccer field was a sea of mud, but the Lancers were determined, and finally, after two five-minute overtimes and three sudden-death overtimes, they gained a victory over Wabash College.

Their victory didn't end with the soccer game, however, as Grace also took first place in the Mid-Central College Conference Cross Country meet held during half time. The other participating teams included Concordia, Goshen, Huntington, Indiana Tech, Tri-State and St. Francis Colleges.

Again the alumni had an opportunity to fellowship, as a chicken dinner was served for the evening meal at the Lamp.

Activities concluded Saturday evening with a vesper service sponsored by the Grace Missions in Action. Using the theme of "Prayer," the service consisted of readings and music with lighting effects.

The Homecoming Queen and her court. Front row (l to r): Sherry Kaneshiro, Ginny Hungerford, Pam Teeple. Back row: Peggy Crawford, Karen Stevens, Doreen Warden.



Academic Program Is Reorganized

To meet the needs of an increasing enrollment, Grace College has increased the number of academic divisions from four to six. Each of these divisions is subdivided into three departments.

The Division of Languages and Literature, headed by Mr. Edgar Lovelady, includes the following departments: Classical and Ancient Languages, Dr. Charles Smith; English and Journalism, Mr. Edgar Lovelady; and Modern Foreign Languages, Mrs. Dorothy Toirac.

Dr. Stephen Dearborn is chairman of the Division of Religion and Phi-

losophy, which includes Biblical Studies, Mr. John Stoll; Christian Education and Missions, Mr. Fred Fogle; and Philosophy, Dr. Gilbert Weaver.

Health and Physical Education, Mr. Roland Fletcher; Psychology, Dr. Darryl Matter; and Teacher Education, Dr. Norman Uphouse make up the Division of Education and Psychology, headed by Dr. Norman Uphouse.

Mr. Wayne Snider is chairman of the Division of Social Sciences. The departments of this division include: Economics and Business, Mr. Robert Elmer; History and Political Science, Mr. Wayne Snider; and Sociology and

Anthropology, Mr. Kenneth Taylor.

Biological Science, Mr. Daniel Wonderly; Mathematics, Mr. Vilas Deane; and Physical Science, Mr. Richard Dilling; are the departments in the division of Natural Sciences. Dr. Jesse Humbird is chairman.

The Division of Fine Arts is headed by Mr. Donald Ogden. The departments are Art, Mrs. Jean Coverstone; Music, Mr. Donald Ogden; Speech and Drama, Mrs. Mary Fink.

This new organizational structure will make the divisions more equally balanced and make each separate division more unified and wieldy, enabling the faculty to work better together.

The new organizational setup also means two members will be added to the Academic Affairs Committee, giving the various departments better representation and more say in the overall administration of Grace College.

New Music Building Named "East Hall"

The former World Missionary Press building situated on four and one-half acres of land on the north side of Wooster Road just east of Alpha Hall, recently purchased by Grace Schools, is now "East Hall."

Completely refurbished, the new music building includes band room, choral-lecture room, teaching studios, practice rooms, and faculty offices for Professors Don Ogden and Jerry Franks.

Forty-six music majors have been graduated and fifty-five are presently enrolled in the course.

Less crowded now is Beyers Hall with (Mrs.) Verna May Felts, W. Roland Felts, Dorothy Murray and Dr. Vance A. Yoder, teachers of voice, piano and organ with four studios and additional practice rooms.

A concert choir, freshman choir, eighty-piece concert band, Dimensions in Brass and smaller groups reflect the growth of the college music program.

English Department Initiates Scholarships

Provision in the will of Mrs. Rose S. Beyers has made possible the first Grace College English department scholarships to worthy English majors.

Recipients of the scholarships, awarded in October, are Sue Bowman, Anna Clark, Gail Ebersole, Bev Fields, Gary Long and Cheryl Phipps.

Criteria set by the members of the English department faculty provide that students awarded should be juniors or seniors and students with top grade ratios would be awarded an additional amount. Stipulations in the will were that the scholarship recipients be of high caliber both academically and spiritually.

Mr. Edgar Lovelady, chairman of the English department, announced that \$10,000 had been left to the department.

The number of awards and the amounts to be granted will be established each year depending on the accumulated interest and the number of students worthy of the award.

Mrs. Beyers also provided a number of other funds to aid Grace Schools. The sum, amounting to approximately \$80,000, provides invested principle with the accumulated interest to be used in the areas designated by the will.

Chapel Squeeze Relieved

Trying to squeeze seven hundred students plus faculty into chapel in McClain auditorium, designed to seat five hundred people, didn't work.

With no other campus facility available, a closed circuit television camera was installed in the auditorium and two monitors were placed in room 108, formerly a part of the old library.

Since October 18, a group of approximately 112 students have been

sharing in the chapel service by means of television. Student assignments to this room will be changed every three weeks.

Dean of students, Arnold Kriegbaum, in cooperation with the Student Senate, developed this solution to the problem of the overcrowded chapel. Equipment for the project cost about \$1,200.

IN JUST SIX YEARS

Enrollment Nearly Doubles

Enrollment in Grace Schools has almost doubled in just six years, from a total of 496 students in 1965 to 956 in 1971.

Fall enrollment for the college jumped 15.6 percent over last year, from 614 to 709 students, the highest percentage increase registered by any one of 18 colleges and universities in northern Indiana.

Grace Seminary recorded a healthy

5 percent increase from 235 to 247 students.

Add to this 70 faculty members in addition to a supporting staff, which raises the campus population to more than 1,000 persons.

We attribute this excellent growth to God's blessing upon the Christ-centered educational program and high standards of Christian life and conduct maintained on Grace campus.

Dr. Bess Resumes Teaching

With the approval of his doctor, Dr. S. Herbert Bess, is now teaching again in the seminary on a limited basis. Hospitalized in France following a heart attack July 1, the Besses re-

turned home September 15.

Mrs. Bess underwent major surgery on September 24 from which she is recuperating at home—1904 Park Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Ident Cards Issued at Grace

Laminated plastic ID cards bearing the name, color photograph, and number (in case of students) have been issued by the Admissions Office to all Grace College and Seminary students, faculty, administration and staff members.

Polaroid pictures were taken on registration day and the cards were processed on the new Demco System equipment.

The ID card, used in much the same manner as a credit card, is now required in checking out all library books.

The card also serves as a convenient admission ticket to games and other events, or for identification at banks and various places of business.

NEW DATES SET FOR GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

The second full week in February of each year, from Tuesday through Friday has been set as the new time for the annual Grace Bible Conference.

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Dr. Kent, Sr., Receives Gold Retirement Watch



Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., (left) holds up the gold watch he received from Dr. Herman A. Hoyt in a special service.

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., retired, received a gold Accutron wristwatch from Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, at a recent seminary chapel service in recognition of more than twenty-nine years of faithful service to the Lord as lecturer, teacher and registrar in the seminary and vice president of Grace Schools.

WMC GIVES ELECTRONIC PIANO LEARNING CENTER

A new twenty-four-station, \$9,000 Conn Electric Piano Learning Center purchased for \$3,000 has been installed in the newly refurbished "East Hall" as the 1971-72 project of the National Women's Missionary Council of Brethren Churches.

One teacher at the main console of this unique piano lab is able to monitor by ear phones and communicate by microphone with any one of the twenty-four students individually, or as a group. Students in turn hear only their own instrument on the earphones as they play. Teachers and students alike acclaim this new group approach and technique for those who want to learn to play the piano.

Dr. Vance Yoder tunes in on his piano students who are practicing on the new electronic learning center.





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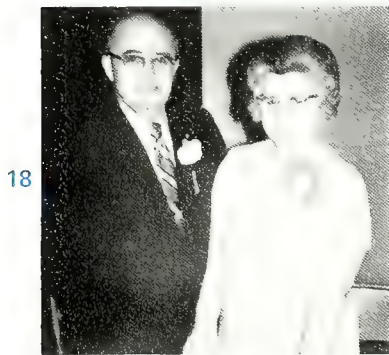
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Thoughts on Preparing for Christmas

The sight and sound of Christmas are in the air. The reminder that we have just a few more shopping days till Christmas is also with us. On every hand we are reminded of the commercial aspects that accompany Christmas, as well as the spiritual. There is always the tendency to voice the easy complaint that the season started too soon, and we are all tired of Christmas before we get to the day. Do we really take too long in preparing for Christmas?

Let me take a look at the preparation for Christmas from a little different viewpoint. I would suggest that the first Christmas preparation was not short or abbreviated. It was a long, carefully prepared time. In fact, it covered hundreds and even thousands of years as God laid the plans. It was not until the "fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Gal. 4:4). Everything was ready when the fulfillment of the prophets' promises came to pass. A common language for communications was available as well as a means of getting forth the truth of the mystery of God now revealed. The careful lineage of the Son of David came to fulfillment with the arrival of Messiah. I propose then that the prime factor is not the length of time used to prepare for Christmas, but rather the attitude that is assumed in preparation. Christ's teachings in reality call for a 365-day reminder that the Son of God has come in flesh to redeem mankind from their sins.

Just and valid criticism can be thrust at what has become an imbalanced emphasis of the season. The noise and clutter, the cost, and the misplaced emphasis on values are all



rather obvious abuses of what can actually be a very blessed time. But remember, it will only become an abuse as we who are Christians permit it to be. If Christmas loses the true meaning for you, it is not because someone else ruined it, you had to make your own contribution to its loss of meaning.

I must admit that it does nothing for my Christmas spirit to spend the time listening to and discussing all the many abuses of this precious season. Now honestly, what do we actually expect from the majority of people who are unsaved? They have certainly shown no spiritual discernment the rest of the year, and they will not do so just because the calendar calls their attention to the fact that it is December. The Bible tells us that the unsaved are spiritually blind, and that they are blinded by none other than the devil himself. Could an honest spiritual observance of Christ's coming be ex-

pected from such people? The answer is obviously no.

We are left open then to the question about those of us who have named Christ as our Saviour. How will we observe this precious occasion? The answer will be found in the manifestation of a true spirit of worship and thanksgiving to God. Instead of criticizing the blind, for being blind, it should be a time of helping the blind to see the light. Only as we know the Saviour as the Lord of our lives can we enter into this season with joy and praise.

If before the foundation of the world was laid, God began His preparation for the first Christmas, it is none too soon for us to begin preparing our hearts for the special remembrance of the incarnation of the Son of God. You can make it a time of "humbug"—or a time of Christian joy. It's really all up to you to decide.



The New Shape of Missions

By Louis L. King

(FMS editor's note: It is of special interest to us to know how responsible leaders of other evangelical mission agencies are assessing the missions picture today. Dr. Louis L. King, foreign secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, could well be spokesman for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church as he succinctly summarizes the situation as we are presently seeing it. The article is reprinted by permission from the October 27, 1971, issue of *The Alliance Witness*.)

Today is a time of great testing for the missionary church.

No one can gainsay that.

The multiplicity of conferences held by mission boards to assess mission-church relationships, social concerns, dwindling personnel and mission finances are evidence enough.

The retired leader of a respected evangelical mission recently wrote: "We have entered the twilight of foreign missions. Along with gas lamps, the Stanley Steamer and the buggy whip, this once glorious instrument of the church is now consigned a niche in the museum of antiquity."

He continued, "Missionaries are, as never before, on the move—back to the homeland. Here where I now am, one major denomination will have withdrawn all foreign missionary personnel by the end of 1971. A second major denomination has removed 50 percent of its foreign missionary personnel within the last four years. The logic upon which the homeward move is based sounds plausible indeed:

"The national church is now largely indigenous. Tasks once performed by missionaries are now done better by nationals. Moreover, now that the offspring of missionary enterprise can walk, the 'crutch' can be thrown away.

The missionary's task is all but complete. It is time to leave."

Financial decline has hastened the exodus. Amid constantly increasing costs income either remains static or declines. Missionary organizations face the prospect of withdrawing workers already on the field.

Harold J. Ockenga, president of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and former pastor of Boston's famed Park Street Church, declares that the situation is parallel to that in the 1930s when the decrease in missionary giving was due not so much to a lack of resources as to the cutting of the nerve of missionary motivation by a liberal theology.

Notable changes in the attitude toward missions are observable today within liberal churches and, strangely enough, among evangelicals also.

There is widespread belief in the principle of religious toleration. Everyone must be free to observe the tenets of his religion or of no religion as his conscience directs him, the argument goes.

To attain to, and to continue in, this happy state of affairs, noninterference must be strictly observed. Conversion should not be attempted. In the secular universities this teaching is promulgated by cultural anthropologists and sociologists.

There is also the widespread belief that we have made a tragic mess of things in our Western civilization. Twice in this century we have plunged the whole world into war and carried on localized conflicts in Korea and Vietnam. We have precipitated an

ecological crisis. We have countenanced crime. We therefore have no right to regard our culture and our religion worthy of export.

Social concern is being pushed in evangelical circles as the new thrust of missions. There is scarcely a meeting of missions leaders where social concern does not receive attention and commendation. It is talked of as the lost dimension in missionary work and therefore in need of special attention.

But Dr. Donald McGavran, dean of the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary, by no means considers it a lost dimension. He cautions that for 150 years missions "have integrated social concern and evangelism to the tune, often, of 80 percent social action and 20 percent evangelism. The danger now is that the percentage will be 110 percent social action and minus 10 percent evangelism."

Beginning after World War II, the ecumenical missions changed the pattern of their relationship to the younger churches. They said the missionary era had ended because an "ecumenical age" had come.

They stopped sending missionaries for apostolic witness to the world. Instead they "lent" missionary servants to the church. They sent money for interchurch aid.

They gave mission-owned property to the church. On the field, the mission was fused into the church and ceased to exist.

We must truthfully admit that evangelical missions also are having problems in their relationship with the younger churches. And as with the ecumenical missions, changing the organizational pattern has not diminished the problems.

The secret of the Holy Spirit's blessing and power is wrapped up in the church that carries out Christ's worldwide mission. This is the obvious truth of the Book of Acts.

Nothing will more truly stimulate and enrich the spiritual life of any church than its unselfish, sacrificial effort for this crushed, bruised world.

An enormous task is before us. When Christ was born, the world's population was one-tenth of what it is now. In 1830 it reached one billion. A hundred years later it attained the second billion. In 1960 the third-billion mark was reached.

In 1969 it was three and a half billion. By the year 2000 it is expected to be between six and seven billion. And of the two to three thousand languages in the world, more than a thousand await translators. We have, therefore, a gigantic task to complete.

The missionary task, however, must never be thought of in terms of millions. We must think instead of individuals—men and women like ourselves.

If our gospel is hid, it is hid not just from a percentage of the population, but it is hid from definite individuals that Paul described as those "that perish" (I Cor. 1:18). The Head of the Church emphatically orders us to seek converts from among the perishing sons of earth.

The key to missionary endeavor is not opportunity but obedience. The church has advanced in spite of opposition and persecution and peril. It has never been dependent upon the friendship of rulers and favorable political conditions.

The welcome given the foreign

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missionary in former years may not always be accorded him. Possibly the church and mission here and there may be entering a period of testing and even of persecution. Such a prospect should not appall the servant of the Lord who remembers Paul's exhortation that we must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God.

We should not hesitate to serve in lands where changing conditions may make missionary work impossible within a few years. Trustful obedience will leave the responsibility for the future in God's hands. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap" (Eccles. 11:4).

If the work is undertaken at God's

command, there will undoubtedly be eternal results both in the life of the missionary and in the lives of the people to whom he is sent.

Our endeavor must ever be the conquest of lost men for Jesus. Ours is not a program of political or even social action. We do not press for some ecumenical organization in the name of Christian solidarity.

It is not for us to campaign for new and promising secular methods or for a changed sociopolitical structure which will assure the church a greater voice and more power. All these ideas are foreign to the Lord's purpose for us.

Christ created The Christian and Missionary Alliance to be a missionary organization. Into its wheels was breathed the Master's word: "Go!"

Missions was—and is—its primary purpose. If we do not remain true to our missionary task, we will become fatally corrupted.

More than anything else we should be concerned about getting "back to date," back to our central aim and message, back to aggressive evangelism, back to simplicity and fervor of soul and spiritual power.

We are the living outreach of God to the world. Jesus sends us into the world just as He was sent into the world. Our work is to continue His work.

We are sent to do God's will, not our own. We are God's servants, God's representatives, God's light in a dark world.

World evangelization is a difficult and dangerous task. It is ever a blood-marked, sacrificial and sometimes heartrending task. We must not turn from it by psychological and theological rationalizing.

Jesus calls us to total surrender, to a discipleship that breaks us away from our own ideal of life.

He calls us to place ourselves completely at His disposal, to listen henceforth to no other voice.

Jesus calls us to lay our lives completely in His masterful hands, to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."

The missionary shape remains unchanged. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

And John 20:21: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." ☞

More Cavities for Africans

(Editor's note: Dr. Austin Robbins, missionary dentist, is on extended leave from the work in the Central African Republic and presently is teaching at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. He returned to Africa for two months this past summer, one month serving missionaries in the Chad, and the second month with the Brethren in C.A.R. In the article on the opposite page, Miss Ringler tells a bit about Dr. Robbins' time in C.A.R. On this page are excerpts from a report letter he wrote to Foreign Secretary John Zielasko after returning to the U.S.)

First of all, it was a great thrill to step out of the plane and meet the missionaries in Bangui. Then the opportunity to meet with all of them at Field Council again was a blessing I'd not counted on. But when the MAF plane set me down at Boguila to pick up some books and supplies as well as Yongoro Marc to go on up to Koumra, I felt like a football! There was quite a crowd around and I was grabbed, hugged, thrust into someone else's arms and thoroughly greeted African style, that is, ear-blowing, bear hugs and so on, till I felt right at home.

All in all I'm very pleased with the way the former students have been practicing. The problems they face are more of a personal nature—personalities, difficulties of proper rapport with French patients, et cetera, rather than purely professional ones. It seems the French folks expect more of them than they should. They were trained primarily for an African practice rather than a European or American practice. But as to the work they've been doing for the African population, I am very satisfied. Edouard goes with Dr. Seymour on his monthly "tournees" by plane (MAF) to several hospitals and dispensaries all over southern Chad. They visit not only Baptist but Plymouth Brethren and TEAM hospitals where Edouard treats dental patients while Dave handles the medical work. Etienne is just starting a program to train dental hygienists to go into the public schools and teach dental hygiene to the children, and examine and clean their

By Dr. Austin Robbins

teeth.

I was impressed with how the dental disease picture is so rapidly changing in Africa. We saw many school-age children with very serious dental defects, caries, and incipient periodontal disease. The astounding thing was the increased incidence of dental caries among the school children. Formerly this age group was relatively free of dental decay, but now, I suppose because of the changing dietary pattern, the youngsters are coming into the dental clinic with toothaches and upon examination we're finding not only the deciduous teeth but the first permanent molars extensively decayed. And this often before the child is twelve years old! So the public school dental hygiene program ought to be a step in the right direction.

Upon arriving at Boguila the end of July, it was necessary to spend several days repairing equipment, and cleaning and sharpening instruments in the dental clinic. Then we started to treat missionaries who'd been given appointments at Field Council. At first there were many delays due to breakdowns. . . . I saw all the missionaries on the field except two. In the three weeks I was at Boguila (excluding sick time) I did over \$3,000 worth of dental treatment.

This brings me to some observations and recommendations. . . . My recommendation is that the Board make inquiries among Brethren dentists here in the States asking that those dentists wishing to serve the Lord by providing dental care on a cost basis to Brethren missionaries make themselves known to the Board. The dentist would agree to ask no more than the actual cost of the materials, electricity, and so on, used in the treatment, and the Board would reimburse the missionary on that basis. Properly presented, I am sure there are Brethren dentists who would respond to such an appeal. It would be well if there were dentists in several locations across the States convenient to the missionaries' furlough



Dr. Austin Robbins performs some dental work on Brethren Missionary, Mrs. David Shargel.

homes who could provide proper treatment during the furlough periods. Too much of the dental care given missionaries has been a stopgap or hit-or-miss type of treatment provided under circumstances less than optimal due to tight deputation schedules and lack of advance planning for dental work by both dentist and missionary. Dental care must not be neglected if missionaries are to have healthy bodies with which to serve the Lord. Were I in private practice, having my own office, instead of teaching full time now, I'd be glad to provide dental care under such an arrangement. It must be remembered, however, that from the dentist's standpoint he is contributing his knowledge and skill and his time without fee. Care must be taken not to overload any one dentist with too many missionary families.

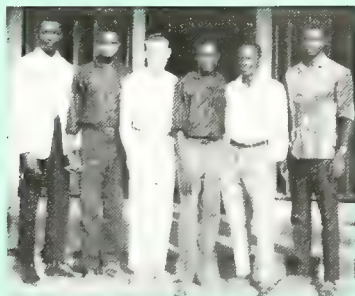
Finally, I want to comment on the fine hospitality of the missionaries. It seems to me that living in Africa has become harder since we were there. Many food items, for instance, which we used to import can no longer be brought into the country. The condition of the roads has deteriorated, with the exception of the main road from Boguila to Bangui. Yet, in spite of mission/church misunderstandings, harder living conditions, and so on, the spirit of the missionaries is good. Everyone is eager and happy in his work. It did me good to be among them again.

What Can a Dentist Do?

or . . .

What a Dentist Can Do!

By Miss Lois Ringler
Missionary to Africa



Dr. Robbins with dental students during his last term on the field; four graduated from the course.

Does history repeat itself?

I don't know.

But last month I felt sure it did. Because instead of going to help at youth camp, I ended up in a dental office at Boguila, working for my former employer!

Dr. Austin Robbins, two-term missionary dentist to the Central African Republic and now on extended furlough, offered the month of August to come out and work on missionaries' teeth. Little did he know (or did he?) how much work and what type of work he would be doing!

Since Austin's equipment was still on the field, and since Marc, an African dentist he had trained, was doing dentistry in a limited way, Austin supposed that all he would need and want would be on hand, and that everything would work out.

It was! It did!

But not as he thought.

The first week he spent wrestling with the Mercedes-Benz light plant, which had picked that time to go out of function. But for all his mechanical ability, he still could not make out the instructions—which were in German! I have a vivid recollection of Austin covered from head to toe with spatters of grease and oil, sitting in the middle of the motor room, saying, "Why did the Lord bring me out here if I can't work?" What can a dentist do without electricity?

He can pray.

He did. Reinforcements came. Several missionaries who were scheduled for dental appointments (like me!) found themselves in the light-plant room instead of in a dental chair. Another picture comes to mind: five men talking in various tones of sincerity and exasperation over a dead motor at 10:30 p.m., pooling all knowledge of light plants or lack of knowledge—Mary Lois Miller (station superintendent) still in her white uniform from maternity, in the center, busily pumping the pressure lantern!

Two days and two dark nights later, Eric, our bright young Swiss colleague, found a way to bypass the voltage

regulator, which continued to malfunction. (He used two car batteries.) Electricity at last!


But on a shaky basis.

You see, we needed water, too. And the pump is electric. So we rushed from compressor, to X ray, to pump—because all could not run at the same time. And just as Eric had the X-ray unit fixed, the 125-watt light bulb blew out—to be replaced by a 500-watt projector bulb—no corner stores here. Luckily, it wasn't the hot season, or there would have been an insufferable heat for the one in the chair as well as for the dentist!

But the assistant? Could I remember what to do after thirteen years? (Yes, I worked for Austin in Winona Lake back in seminary days!) Gradually it all came back, with the help of a kind dentist who made very little over my mistakes, and who was a wonderful teacher, and who never forgot to say "thank you."

We worked from ten to thirteen hours a day (Austin worked twice until 1 a.m. on casting gold crowns). As well as the usual restorations and cleaning, there were root-canal therapies, crowns and inlays, extractions and impactions, new dentures, partials, relines, and reparations. A record of about \$3,000 worth of dentistry (a conservative Stateside estimate) against terrible odds—done for about one-sixth of the actual cost.

Did the Lord send Dr. Robbins? Yes. Apart from the money he saved us, he was an unusual blessing, a refreshing to our spiritual lives. His ministry was also a spiritual one to the Africans. I remember keeping a missionary occupied in the chair once while Austin prayed with an African woman in the lab. It is usually the busiest people who find time for a spiritual ministry.

For a few moments I felt bad about having to miss that youth camp. But for a few moments only. As I left Boguila, I knew that that was just as much God's work, and that I myself had been on the receiving end of God's goodness once again. I am enriched. 

AMSTERDAM 1971: EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

By James Renick

What it was . . .

One of several regional congresses organized to follow up the World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin in 1966;
Held August 28 through September 4, 1971, in Amsterdam, capital city of the Netherlands;

Sponsored by the European Evangelical Alliance;
1,200 participants and observers from
32 countries in Europe and the Near East
including: 80 French pastors and laymen, and
30 missionaries living in France;

"Evangelism is never a question of methods, but rather one of mentality, of attitude."—Dr. Hendrik Rookmaaker (Netherlands)

Serious yet provocative papers read by European evangelical leaders, for example:

- "The Biblical Mandate to Evangelize," Dr. Billy Graham (only non-European speaker)
- "The Lost State of Man," Dr. Henri Blocher (France)
- "Communicating the Gospel through the Local Church," Mr. Jan van Capelleveen (Netherlands)
- "The Social Implications of Evangelism," Dr. Paavo Kortekangas (Finland)
- "The Holy Spirit in Evangelism," Rev. John R. W. Stott (England)

What we noticed . . .

REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATION

This was the result of a definite initiative taken by the Congress Executive Committee in extending the invitations to participate in the congress.
There was a refreshing balance:

"Evangelism must be theocentric rather than anthropocentric: basically a matter of obedience to God rather than a function of positive results obtained among men."—Rev. Jose Grau (Spain)

Between pastors (full-time workers) and laymen;
Between those over forty and those under forty;
Of participants from almost every country in Europe and the Near East;
Of participants from many evangelical groups in each country—from Anglicans to Pentecostals.

ATMOSPHERE OF ONENESS IN CHRIST

The accent was on all that united the participants: the Person of Christ, His love, His Word, His Church, His commission, His imminent return.

"The Church does not make the Good News, it simply reports it. The first step in good reporting is to listen and to observe carefully."—Mr. Jan van Capelleveen (Netherlands)

THE JESUS MOVEMENT

Non-European influence was kept to an absolute minimum. Yet one subject kept recurring: The Jesus Movement in the United States. A dozen of the "Jesus People" were witnessing to American and European hippies on the central square of Amsterdam. Billy Graham listed ten "commendable features" that stand out in his appraisal of this movement. Leighton Ford urged evangelical churches and believers to 1) love and accept, 2) test, 3) teach and train, 4) learn from, and 5) let go any members of this vast movement among American young people who might arrive in Europe. All of us sensed a spirit of excitement as we discussed this most unusual development in America.

What we felt . . .

COMMUNION

"Love makes you be ingenious!"—Rev. Charles Guillot (France)

What a thrill to be with so many other believers after almost five years in France, where evangelical Christians of all kinds represent less than one-half of one percent and the entire Protestant population less than two percent of the total population of fifty million.

The reality of such spiritual unity and communion was overwhelming. Although no "communion service" was held during the congress, we felt that we had enjoyed a taste of the "communion experience" which is waiting for all of us in eternity at the feet of Christ. We wondered how many members of our churches in the United States have enjoyed such a "communion experience" with the entire Church in their town or city. It was really worth it!

POWER

There was a Biblical emphasis on and a healthy evidence of real power in life and witness as the true sign of the fullness of the Holy Spirit which is so necessary to effective evangelism.

PARTNERSHIP

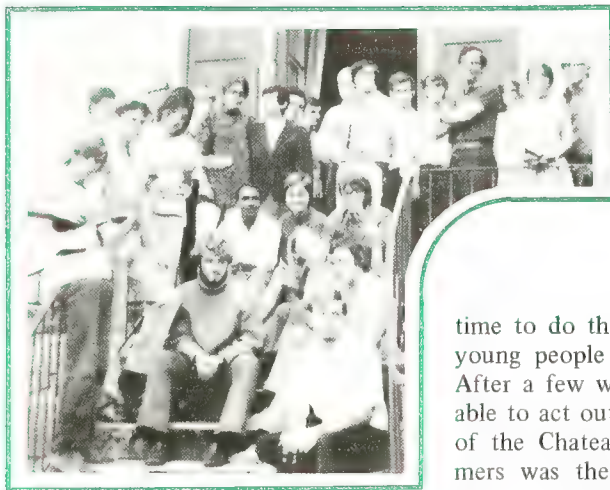
The clear emphasis on the necessity of evangelism by personal witness was commendable particularly in a congress entirely underwritten by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Mobilization and training of individual believers everywhere was made essential to the evangelization of the world in our generation.

We began to see the great potential of the evangelical laity and youth in Europe. What might be possible if clergy and laity worked hand in hand on an equal basis: each believer respecting the other's vocation and each accepting the other's spiritual gifts without distinction or respect of persons!

"The people of the pew (the laity) are the 'frozen capital' of the Church. We must take this capital out of the freezer and make real use of the priesthood of all believers instead of just giving lip service to it."—Mr. Jan van Capelleveen (Netherlands)

The believing Church in Europe, as elsewhere in the world, seems to be rediscovering the fullness of the Holy Spirit according to the Word of God and also the reality of the Biblical doctrine of the priesthood of all believers. And this at a time when God may be going to move in a unique way just before the blessed return of His Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Joyce and I returned to France and, in particular, to Chalon-sur-Saone determined to participate personally in this renewal of the body of Christ in Europe and to share this with many others in our area during the coming years.



Seated in front of the others are Neal (left) and Dave (right) with a group of youth at the Chateau.

D-day: June 24, 1971. D stands for departure. Departure of two Grace College students, one a junior, the other a senior. Two men searching for truth, reality, the fulfillment of their Father's will for their lives. Two servants of His: Dave McComas and Neal Fogle.

Yes, it took a desire for Dave and me to leap out into the giant world by ourselves, humanly speaking, traveling thousands of miles, trusting the Lord to raise our support, get us over, and then give us a fruitful ministry. Coming back, we didn't worry—we wanted to stay.

Our first stop was in Paris where we got to visit some of my childhood friends. What a wonderful home-coming! We invited them to come down to the Chateau. Both Dave and I were glad to arrive at our point of destination, the beautiful Chateau. For Dave, it was adventure. For me it was home!

Soon after our arrival the activities started. Young people came in for weekends, others came for weeks at a time. On Mondays Dave and I took our day off. Most of the time an activity was planned by the missionary in charge. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays were devoted to evangelization in villages, house-to-house, market places and so on. What a great experience! We met people who loved to converse about religion; others flatly refused any tract or invitation. Fridays were cleaning days for the grounds and the Chateau itself. We mowed, raked, trimmed—preparing for a big weekend. In France weekends are almost sacred. They are meant for relaxation, not

time to do the side jobs. Most of the young people came in on weekends. After a few weeks of work, we were able to act out the "Sound and Light" of the Chateau, of which Dan Hammers was the technician and Daniel Dutruc responsible for the script. Thank God for two such talented men.

After a busy day on Saturday, going once more to hand out invitations for the "Sound and Light," both Dave and I had our roles in its production. We then invited the young people down to the basement for discussion and singing. The atmosphere was warmed by candles, colored lights, a fireplace, and of course the historical castle itself. On Sundays we usually had three meetings. Every night of the week we had either a prayer meeting, Bible study, or discussion for those campers who stayed several days.

Toward the end of the summer Daniel Dutruc wrote a play which we also produced at the Chateau.

There were so many beautiful things, wonderful happenings for Dave and me, that it's hard to express in words. The highlight of the summer was seeing lives changed, seeing Christians boosted in their faith, and souls being won over to Him. One young man I think of particularly. His name is Jean Marie. He found it hard, after his decision, to go back with his buddies; they laughed in his face, but he took a stand and told them what happened to change his life. He told me once, "I'm so comfortable at the Chateau that I don't feel like acting foolishly anymore." God has answered prayer on behalf of the

Chateau.

Then there were the things of lesser importance: the volleyball games, the sleepless nights with "burglars and cats in the attic," Dave's garbage runs, my trips for groceries, the water fights, and so on and on.

We had a real part in the ministry there. We saw how hard the work is, and noticed firsthand the needs. Frankly, I didn't want to come home. I love the people and the work, but, most important, serving the Lord. Dave feels the same way. I think both of us will return some day, possibly as cadets to help in the continuance of the work He is blessing.

You may wonder: "Well, what are the needs over there?" *Number one: your prayers*, daily. Pray for each and every missionary family, each and every member of those families. Pray that more French people will open their hearts to the Lord. Pray for those who have and are helping in the work. Pray for the property itself and the tremendous growing potential it has. Pray for the manual labor also, as it is great. *Second, support the work by your gifts*. The Chateau needs folding chairs, more electronic equipment, a washing machine, a bigger refrigerator, more dorm space.

A spiritual revolution is being felt all over the world, and especially in Europe. Help the Chateau to become a strong point in that revolution of spreading His Word.

Until his early teens, Neal Fogle had spent most of his life in France, where his parents were missionaries. He is now a junior at Grace College.

HOME- COMING ADVENTURE

By
Neal
Fogle

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

New Missionaries Studying French



The DeArmeys

Two new missionary couples have gone to France for this school year to study the French language. They are Mr. and Mrs. Larry DeArmey and Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler (pronounced fay'ler). Learning a new language like French is really hard work, but the Lord is helping them. While their parents are in school the two little girls, Ginette DeArmey and Heidi Pfahler, go to a very nice nursery, where they are loved and cared for very well.

After they finish learning French, the DeArmeys will stay in France to be missionaries there. Mr. DeArmey has been in France before. Some years ago he spent more than a year as a cadet missionary in France, and always after that he looked forward to the time when he could return as a full-time missionary.

The Pfahlers will go on to Africa. He is a medical doctor and she is a nurse. They are really needed on the mission



The Pfahlers

field. One summer they visited and worked there, so they too have already been on the field where God has called them to serve Him.

Missionary Helpers who are using the new prayer booklet are already praying for these missionary families. Keep praying faithfully, MH'ers, for your prayers are very important to *all* the missionaries.

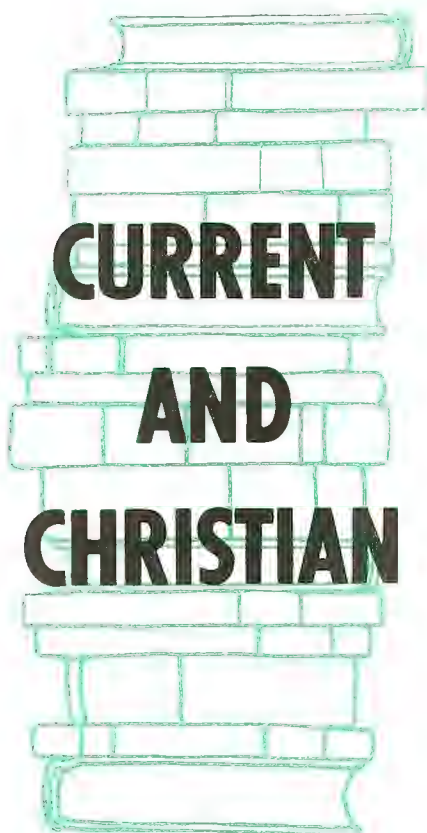
To all readers of The Children's Page —

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY





CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

I trust that you will take a few moments with us to become acquainted with some of the new books. Since our last visit, there has been a flood of new titles and some reprints that are of special significance.

Again this month, it is our happy privilege to announce another BMH Book. Dr. James Boyer of Grace Schools has written an interesting treatment of I Corinthians entitled **For a World Like Ours**—\$2.95. It is clearly outlined and with study questions at the end of each chapter should be a very valuable asset to study.

Children's Books

Scripture Press Publications has several new books that will make excellent gifts to children for birthdays, Christmas, and other special occasions—**God's Early Heroes** of the Old Testament and the **Life of Christ** as told in the Gospels. The art work is outstanding. They are \$3.50 each. For the very young—**The Boy Jesus** and **Children's Prayers** are two pop-up page books. They are 98c each.

Witnessing

Tract distribution has proved a good method of witnessing for Christ. A new paperback by Good News Publishing tells of the value of the printed page and the use of tracts. It is entitled **If I Had a Penny** and gives accounts by Kenneth Taylor, Sumner Wemp, and others of the value of tracts in their lives. Cost 95c each.

Cults

We Found Our Way Out by Adair and Miller—75c, by Baker Book House. In its sixth edition, it relates

the experiences of people and their personal testimonies concerning their coming out of false cults and philosophies.

Teen Agers

Letters to Cindy from an Older Sister from Zondervan is now in paperback at 95c each. This is especially helpful to teenage girls.

Devotions

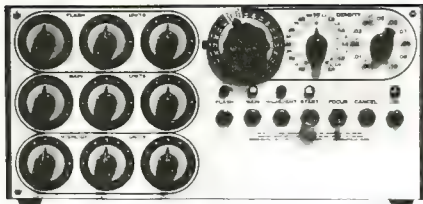
A new series of small devotionals has been presented by Baker Book House. The series is entitled "**Good Morning Lord**"—\$1.95. Pocket books are available for the following groups: servicemen, college students, everyday living, women, and teens.

Special Category

The book that you will hear the most about in coming weeks and months is the just-released volume **This Is Billy Graham on the Jesus Generation**—Zondervan, paper \$1.95, cloth \$4.95. It takes a provocative look at the new Jesus Movement and addresses itself to the current youth scene . . . their hangups and their challenges. It includes the following subjects: The Jesus Revolution, The Changing Scene, Jesus Christ Superstar, Hanging Loose, Turning On, The Devil Is Alive and Kicking, Getting It All Together. You may not agree with it or its author, but if you want to stay in the conversation about new books in the coming months, you had better get acquainted with its contents.

See you soon with other new ideas and entries into the delightful world of Christian books.—CWT

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. We pay postage.



The Switchboard

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

A warning to those in public education . . .

Religion is coming . . . Ready or not!

By Rev. Howard Mayes
Director
Christian Education Dept.

Public education in America began as a Christian institution. The change to the atmosphere and philosophy of secularism over the last several decades has been so widely observed and is so easily documented that we need not take space to prove it here. Now that Christians in greater numbers than ever before have come to see the danger of a secular or non-religious philosophy in education, public education is about to move into a third phase. Religion will soon be a prominent part of the curriculum of public education. Many school districts have already taken dramatic steps in this direction and several factors indicate that the trend will be irreversible.

Textbook Publishers Are Getting Involved

It has long been known that the big textbook publishers exert tremendous influence over the curriculum patterns of local school districts. Further, it should be noted that they do not "tool up" for production until they are assured of an acceptable market. Secular textbooks for the teaching of religion have already started rolling off the presses and in the next few years may show the textbook publishers involved in a mad race to supply the needs of experimenting school districts.

Graduate Schools Are Jumping On The Band Wagon

The prospect of thousands of new positions opening up for teachers especially trained in the field of religion is already making its impact upon the curriculum pattern of many secular graduate schools. Liberal seminaries are especially interested since the disillusionment of youth toward careers in the clergy has left many of them desperate for an excuse for existence. The possibility of a new job market calling for highly trained, well paid, teachers of religion has given a new lease on life to some of these institutions. These liberal seminaries have long since given up their specialty in the field of Christian theology in favor of a humanistic and philosophic approach to the religions of the world.

The Liberal Clergy Is Lending Its Support

Although they were among the first



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to insist upon the removal of the teaching of true Christianity from the halls of public education, these men may now be counted on to welcome the teaching of religion with open arms. The difference of course is that this time they intend to be clearly in charge of the situation and even "Christianity" as they present it will have little to set it apart from the humanistic philosophy of man's other religions.

Yes, religion is coming back to the public school but before you fall for the bait-hook, line, and sinker—consider the following:

1. The study of religion in the public school would be built upon the principle of equal time. Subject matter of Christianity would compete for time equally with dozens of other religions. The exposure to truth under such a formula would be small indeed.

2. In the public school religion curriculum no one would be allowed to "teach Christianity." The teacher instead would teach "facts about Christianity." The degree of objectivity legally required would make the communication of the true Gospel nearly impossible while providing a ready platform for the humanistic interpreters of Christianity who see in it only another form of the religion of humanism.

3. The unpardonable sin for the accredited "teacher of religion" would be to insist on the superiority of his own religion. The kind of open-mindedness or objectivity that is legally required will make a true Christian witness difficult. You can scarcely be a true Christian and remain open-minded and unprejudiced as you endeavor to see the "good" in all religious ideas. The Bible teaches "He

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NFBC's largest in nation's top 100 . . .

DOUBLE HONORS TO NORTH LONG BEACH

By Roscoe Williams

*Pastor, La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, California,
and newly elected member of the Christian Education Board*

One of America's 100 largest Sunday schools is the North Long Beach Brethren, according to *Christian Life* magazine (September 1971). The California church, of which Dr. George O. Peek is pastor, has an average attendance of 1,406 which makes the Sunday school the 62nd largest Bible school in America. It is the largest Sunday school in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The Sunday school was also honored at the recent Christian Education Convention held in connection with the 82nd Annual Conference of the NFBC which met at Winona Lake, Indiana. The annual award, "Sunday School of the Year" (1970-71), was presented to the North Long Beach church for its overall excellence, efficiency, improvement, and percentage of increase in attendance over the previous year.

The history of the church reveals that it was established in 1926 by the First Brethren Church of Long Beach and was operated as a mission outpost for a year, after which a pastor of its own was called. In 1948 George Peek accepted the call to become pastor. Membership at the time was 200 and the Sunday-school attendance approximately 300. Since that time, the church has undergone three building programs made necessary by its rapid growth. In addition to a beautiful sanctuary seating nearly 1,100, the church plant now includes a multi-purpose fellowship hall seating up to 500 for banquets and other gatherings, and also serving as a youth hall. This wing of the building includes a 220-seat chapel, 9 large assembly rooms with 66 smaller classrooms, and a complete and unusually well-equipped

kitchen. The educational wing is completely air-conditioned.

The Sunday-school staff now numbers 187 besides those individuals and couples participating in the children's church program and those caring for the baby nursery.

The church has always placed great emphasis upon the Sunday school. Says the pastor: "My wife and I have always believed that the Sunday school should be given major consideration. When you get a child in Sunday school, you have an automatic 'in' into his home. Our church family includes many families who have come to Christ as a result of their children attending Sunday school."



Dr. George Peek, pastor, and Charles Course, superintendent, display the trophy they received as Brethren Sunday school of the year.



Every member of the family has been taken into consideration in the planning for Wednesday evening. There are Eager Beavers for four-to-five year olds, Whirlybirds program for first and second graders, Boys Brigade for third to sixth grade boys, Pioneer Girls for third to sixth grade girls, separate prayer and Bible study for the junior high, high school, and college age groups, along with adult Bible study. Over forty adult workers participate in a ministry on Wednesday evening.

Music is also an important part of the church program. There are five different choirs along with five other major musical groups in the church. Ron Soderwall, minister of music, is responsible for these groups.

When young George Peek was just beginning his ministry, he took the counsel of Dr. Louis S. Bauman who was the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. The renowned Bible teacher and pastor said: "My dear Brother, always remember that two important factors in your ministry must take precedence and be given constant emphasis. One is expository preaching of the Word of God and the other is a strong missionary program. These are the keys to a successful church ministry." To this day, Pastor Peek gives testimony to the validity of this advice and is grateful that he heeded it. He believes, and has proved in his own ministry, that God's people must be grounded in the Bible through continuous Bible expository preaching and ever challenged with the Great Commission if the local church is to accomplish its purpose and reason for existence.

The missions program also receives constant attention. A 30 percent (\$100,000) of the total annual budget of \$325,000 goes to missions outreach: the church being responsible for partial or full support of fourteen adults and fourteen children on the mission fields. An additional eight adults working with Campus Crusade, receive partial support. Numerous Christian organizations are also supported by the church. An effort is made to involve the church in a definite intimate interest in each individual on the mission field.

As one examines the operation of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, with its membership of 1,634, one is impressed with the obvious enthusiasm about the community



The pastor, superintendent and children's director participate in planning and praying—the North Long Beach formula for growth.

responsibility of this congregation. While the phenomenal growth of the last twenty years has made it into a large church, still the family spirit has been maintained and is very real. There is a marked emphasis of reaching the entire family for Christ. As families come into the church, they are made a part of the larger family of the church itself. George and Mabel believe that a church results from team effort all along the line. They recognize no "big people" but all as equals around the cross of Christ. Everyone participates as much as possible. Family spirit like this does not occur automatically; it has to be worked at all the time, and the pastor and his wife are "everlastingly at it."

Assisting Dr. Peek in the ministry at North Long Beach Brethren Church are four full-time and twelve part-time staff members. Rev. Jerry Ahern is minister of visitation, Charles Course is the Bible-school superintendent and is assisted by John Raymond. Rev. Avery Powers ministers to college age young people, Fenton MacDonald directs the high school program, and Mike Morris is junior high director. Barbara Course is the children's director. All the staff unite in declaring: "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." The church in faith expects even a greater work ahead if Christ tarries.

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Adult Department

Leaders: Try a Little Variety




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IDEAS

A successful idea from the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio

Knute Larson, pastor; Ted Cellar, superintendent

The GBC Sunday school is successfully realizing the advantages of both an elective system for adults and classes divided by age, by using the two plans on alternate quarters. This quarter, for instance, seven adult classes will study Minor Prophets, with division of classes made according to age (either the age of the wife or the husband in the case of couples). The next quarter divisions will be by subject—with everyone being allowed to elect from seven topics. Then back to age grouping for another quarter. The advantages are that the social connections of the age groupings are never lost. But the stimulation and the selectivity afforded by electives are also gained. It's like have your cake and . . .

When all seven adult classes at GBC are studying the same subject, the assembly at the beginning of the period is used to stimulate interest in the lesson to follow. A skit, a "man on the street" interview, an introduction and background of the lesson—various ways to get people thinking so that they can start right in on the lesson in class, attempt to answer questions already asked, or continue stimulation already given. A "master teacher" plan has also been used, with one teacher using about half of the class time with all the students in one group, then dividing for discussion and application in the smaller classes. The church has majored in adult education in the last year but has noted good results in the youth and children's divisions, too. 

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that is not for me is against me." Philosophically, a true Christian would be disqualified as a public school-teacher of religion since he would not honestly affirm that he was not "against" religions that are other than his own. On the other hand, teachers from the Unitarian viewpoint can collaborate beautifully in teaching about many different religions since they all have in common the deification of man and the humanization of God.

4. The goal of including religion in the public school curriculum is to develop tolerance and understanding. This sounds wonderful on the surface but we must understand what tolerance means in the context of the unbeliever. I heard one teacher already involved in teaching religion in the state of Illinois describe with great pride the process he had developed for breaking down the religious indoctrination boys and girls had received from their parents. Religious teaching for him meant exposure and appreciation of all religions without serious commitment to any. In so doing, he really made man his own god and after all, that's what the word "religion" is all about. Many fashion themselves teachers of religion when in reality they are "debunkers" of


parental religion.

5. The move to bring religion into the curriculum of public education is right in line with the master plan of UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and other atheistic organizations that ultimately prepare the world for the take-over of Antichrist. In a book published over twenty years ago and first quoted by this writer over ten years ago, Dr. Julien Huxley, one of the prime movers behind UNESCO pointed out that in the United Nations' plan for world government "all men should acknowledge the place of each religious system in the cultural life of each nation above all not claiming superiority for one's own religion."

In the day when Antichrist comes to power, the world will be intensely religious, but it will be a religion that deifies man's intellect. The spirit of the new religion textbooks will be to view all of man's religions as part of a greater quest for intellectual reality. Championing the teachers of the leaders of all great world religions and at the same time subjecting all to personal evaluation will surely and effectively lay the groundwork for the arrival of Satan's great counterfeit, the one world religion as championed by the Antichrist himself.

6. There is great danger in including the study of religion in the

total area of "the humanities" or in the department of philosophy as most school systems are doing. Christians who imagine great accomplishment through including study about Christianity in the context of the other already discredited thinkers and philosophers of history are at the best very naive and perhaps at the worst deluded.

7. The coming of religious studies to the public school does offer a great challenge to the true Christian. Today, as in every day, the Gospel is ultimately communicated on a person-to-person basis. Christian students should vigorously exercise their new freedom to speak about their personal faith in the classroom of public education. Christians who teach in the public schools should have great courage in presenting their personal convictions, especially in view of the outspoken teachings of the anti-Christian philosophers who share faculty positions with them. But perhaps the great challenge of all will be to keep one's equilibrium in the light of such a monumental about-face in public education. No doubt there will be many applaud the presence of the study of religion in the public school curriculum. Some may discover too late that the very movement which seems to support religious freedom will be the tool for silencing the message of true Christianity. 

TIME Team Bound for Argentine Summer



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A team of Brethren young people will be involved in a ministry for Christ in the land of Argentina beginning January 15, 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Hoyt, Janet Sullivan, Virginia Toroian, Mary Sanchez are the latest missionary candidates to enter short-term missionary service under a program called Training In Missionary Endeavor. This program (known as TIME) is sponsored by the Christian Education Department in cooperation with the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church and The Brethren Home Missions Council.

While in Argentina the TIME mis-

sionaries will be engaged in literature evangelistic crusades and will also have an active ministry in the summer camp program of the Brethren Churches of Argentina. Young people serving under TIME make application, secure references, and raise their own support before leaving for the field. Your prayerful interest in the ministry of these five young people is enlisted. At this writing all have need for additional funds toward their required support. You may send designated funds toward this ministry to the Christian Education Department or designate an offering in your local church.

Youth Conference Recording Ready

A new 33 1/3 rpm stereo record, "Jesus Bridge Over Troubled Waters" presents the talent winners in the 1971 youth conference program along with numbers by the conference choir and band. A short excerpt of the championship Bible quiz is also included. This record is available for \$4.00 postpaid from the Christian Education Department, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Two SS Attendance Records Fall

Congratulations to Sunday schools recently setting new all-time attendance records.

Bellflower, California — 400

Winona Lake, Indiana — 663

Please drop us a card when your Sunday school sets a new record.

DIVISION WINNERS OCTOBER SS CONTEST

A—Hagerstown, Md., Grace

Rev. Robert Collitt

B—Columbus, Ohio

Rev. James Custer

C—Bellflower, Calif.

Rev. Edwin Cashman

D—Canton, Ohio

Rev. James Kennedy

E—Myerstown, Pa.

Rev. Luke Kauffman

F—Simi, Calif.

Rev. E. John Gillis

G—Modesto, Calif., Greenwood

Rev. Ward Miller

H—St. Petersburg, Fla.

Rev. William Tweeddale

I—Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. William Byers

J—Kenai, Alaska

Rev. Herman Hein, Jr.

N—Peebles, Ohio

Rev. J. Paul Reno

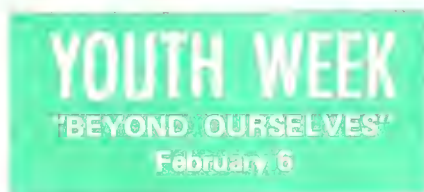
Over 600 Filmstrips Available

Over six hundred filmstrips are available for rental from the Christian Education Department office. Most of these are in color and have recorded narration. Such subjects covered are teacher training, Bible stories, Bible geography and backgrounds, evangelism, Christian living, holidays, sex education, teens and dating, teens and their family—just to name a few. These can be used with preschool children through senior citizens. If you want something different for Sunday school, training hour, prayer meeting,

or whatever, just write us telling the age group, date wanted, and theme or idea you wish to convey. We will attempt to find just the right filmstrip for your use. Rental is only \$1.50 per filmstrip.

New Areas in 1972 Competition

A copy of the new National Achievement Competition Rule book has been mailed to each church. We especially call attention to the fact that there are several new areas of competition involved in this year's program and urge those interested to check the new rule book for full information. Copies of the rule book are available from the Christian Education Department for 25c.



1972 CED Convention Set for August 4-6

The 1972 Christian Education Convention will be held at the opening of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches conference week, August 4-6. The convention this year will take the form of an Institute for Christian Education Workers. A separate course of study will involve workers at five levels of Christian education: early childhood, children, youth, adult, and administration. Faculty members are being chosen to offer practical help in the three areas of (1) Methods, (2) Materials, (3) Facilities. Class sessions will include actual classroom simulation in a learning center atmosphere. Certificates will be awarded to those completing a full course of instruction. The institute will be directed by Rev. Lowell Brown, Miss Alberta Hanson, and Rev. Howard Mayes.



NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EPA NEWS SERVICE

Middlebranch, Ohio. "Our children and young people get approximately 5 hours a day and 25 hours a week in secular education which is slanted many times to destroy their faith. Are 4 hours a week (Sunday school, morning and evening worship, family night) too much time to spend building up their faith? How foolish can we be?" Gerald Kelley, pastor.

Taos, N. Mex. Pastor and Mrs. Salazar experienced a real surprise when approximately 65 people met at the social hall to host them to a birthday-anniversary party. It was 15 years ago that the Salazars became a team—establishing a home for the honor and glory of the Lord whom they serve. As to birthday ages—none available. Robert Salazar, pastor.

Chicago (EP)—The current Christian revival among young people is having a marked effect upon student dissent, according to a Harvard Medical School psychiatrist.

"I have seen the lives of many students changed from completely secular life style to a full commitment to Christ," said Dr. Armand M. Nicholi. "Some were leaders of the SDS movement that caused the disorder at Harvard and who were forced to leave college."

Dr. Nicholi said in a paper delivered at an invitational scholars' conference here that during their time away from school some of the student dissenters "embraced the Christian faith."

"It's interesting to see how they have changed," he said. "Their intense social concerns have by no means diminished, but their methods of expressing these concerns have altered quite radically."

The psychiatrist addressed a meeting of Christian scholars from 41 American campuses. The assembly was sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies.

Elkhart, Ind. Although the national WMC chose as their theme verse James 1:22—"Be ye doers . . . not hearers only . . ."; some of the men in the church are following this Biblical admonition also, as they put down a new well for a home in need! Even "a cup of water in my name." Gordon Bracker, pastor.

Findlay, Ohio. For 20 years the Lord's blessings have been falling on the Grace Brethren Church of this city. The formal organization of the church was on Nov. 11, but the anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 31 this year with Rev. Lester Pifer as the main speaker.

A spirit of revival was present when Rev. Dean Fetterhoff arrived for a week of concentrated evangelism. There were decisions for rededication and others accepted Christ as Saviour. The picture for the future is bright as the congregation continues to look to the Lord for His guidance. Glenn Coats, pastor.

Rittman, Ohio. It is possible! It can be done! It was done! The goal for Home Missions was \$2,600, and by Oct. 20 the First Brethren Church had gone \$23.75 OVER the goal! Robert Russell, pastor.

Washington, D.C. (EP)—President Richard M. Nixon was given the 100 millionth Gideon Bible by the president of Gideons International, Dr. W. R. Davenport.

The Gideon movement was started 72 years ago by three traveling salesmen who were chatting one night in a Janesville, Wisconsin, hotel lobby. Today the Scripture-distribution organization involves 33,500 men who make the Bible handy for people away from home.

Distribution of Bibles has tripled in the last decade, membership in the Gideons has doubled, and the budget quadrupled. But even that increase has been unable to match the expanding need both to replace worn or stolen books and to stock the rapidly rising new motel rooms, according to President Davenport.

Besides putting a Bible in every hotel and motel room where allowed, the interdenominational agency also supplies Bibles for airliners, prison cells, physicians' offices, hospitals, military compounds, and school facilities. The Gideons are active in 87 foreign countries, as well as in the United States.

Goshen, Ind. A surprise dinner was held Sunday noon, Oct. 17, by the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crees. The church also honored their pastor for having served the Lord 40 years in the ministry of the Brethren Church. The beautifully decorated cake, napkins printed with their wedding date, wedding bells, flowers, and a gift of money, together with a delightful meal, made the occasion one long to be remembered. Presiding over the anniversary celebration was the moderator, Mr. Floyd Welling. Guests included were Rev. and Mrs. Larry Clouse, missionaries to Hawaii; Miss Ruth Kent, C.A.R. (partially supported by this church); Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Bracker from Elkhart Grace Brethren Church, and Rev. Keith Altig, deputation secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Robert D. Crees, pastor.



PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Johnson City, Tenn.—Jan. 2-7; Clarence Lackey, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)—Jan. 2-9; Victor Rogers, pastor; Allen Herr, speaker.

Dayton, Ohio. Grace Brethren Village—Afternoon worship services are being conducted at the Village by various churches of the Southern Ohio District. Upon the conclusion of the service, the guests of the Village are visited with cheery words of encouragement. The grounds of the Village are being beautified as landscaping is progressing with the recent planting of trees.

Booklets Available. Keith and Vivian Altig have produced a song booklet entitled *Calvary Choruses*. It contains the popular chorus "My Father Watches Over Me" which they have used extensively on deputation work, and 16 other numbers. It is priced at 35c. You may order the above booklet from the College Bookstore, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Please add 10c for each booklet ordered to cover postage and handling.

Palmyra, Pa. The emphasis for us during the month of October was on witnessing, and the effort was called "OPERATION COME ALIVE." There were 66 visitors brought to the services during this time. Sunday, Oct. 31, was the highpoint with 30 visitors present and 131 in attendance at the morning worship service. The Lord blessed with 4 decisions in October. Arthur Frank, pastor.

Chico, Calif. Pastor Leland Friesen submitted his resignation to the church effective Nov. 1. Plans for the future are indefinite.

Ministers Retirement. Incorporated on Nov. 8, 1949, a program was established to provide emergency and retirement benefits on a voluntary basis.

This agency known as the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Inc., is a creature of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. All policies for operation are presented to and sanctioned by our National Fellowship in annual sessions. Financial reports are also presented and printed in the *Annual*. The Fellowship also elects the board of trustees.

At the close of the year 1971, the treasurer of this board will be issuing checks to 27 ministers and widows of retirement age.

The support of this program is very simple. A pastor pays 1 percent of the cash salary paid to him by his congregation. The church pays 3 percent of this same amount, but no church pays for any particular pastor.

The benefits are also simply stated. At the age of 65 the pastor receives as a monthly payment 5 percent of his total investment plus the accumulated interest and one dollar credit for every year he has served in the Brethren ministry. He must have cooperated for the last ten consecutive years.

Every church should have this program in its 1972 budget. For further information write—Wm. H. Schaffer, secretary-treasurer, 4218 N.E. 131st Pl., Portland, Ore. 97230.

Kokomo, Ind. In the recent evangelistic crusade at the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, under the direction of Bill Smith, there were 24 who publicly accepted Christ as Saviour and 47 other various decisions were made by Christians. The average attendance was 192. Richard Sellers, pastor.

Washington, D.C. A 1970 graduate of Grace Seminary, Richard Woodring, has been called to serve as a Minister of Youth at the First Brethren Church. He began his ministry here Nov. 1. Currently, Richard and his wife, Barbara, are living in Baltimore, Md.

A ground-breaking service was held on Nov. 21 which signaled the beginning of construction of a new sanctuary and educational facilities. Charles G. Thorton, pastor.

Troy, Ohio. Pastor Michael Volovski submitted his resignation to the church, effective Jan. 16, 1972.

Chicago (EP)—Pacific Garden Mission, the "Old Lighthouse," "God's Flophouse," or whatever it is called by the thousands of unfortunates it serves, was 94 years old Oct. 24.

Many "graduates" returned to the facilities at 646 S. State St., for anniversary visits.

"These are the ones who found heaven on earth," said Harry G. Saulnier, mission director for the last 32 years.

The anniversary program was held in the ballroom of the nearby Conrad Hilton Hotel for some 2,000 guests. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith was the speaker. Bev Shea provided musical numbers.

Since 1877, the doors of Chicago's oldest rescue mission have not been locked. A lighted lobby and a 35-foot neon cross blazes from dusk to dawn luring the down-and-outers into the mission for counsel, food, clothing and rest.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Beverly Mayer and Gary Eshleman, Aug. 28, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa.

Cynthia Rourke and Edward Shaver, Sept. 4, at Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sue Kasowski and David Cole, Sept. 18, at Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Shana Denison and Dennis Penrose, Oct. 23, at Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Donny Styer and Victor Troutman, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

GREENSHIELDS, Grace, 89, was taken to be with her Lord on Sept. 29. She was one of the ladies who was instrumental in the starting of the Jenners Grace Brethren Church. In the early years before men became active in the work, she served as a trustee and also as Sunday-school superintendent. She will be greatly missed by the many who loved her in the Lord. James Hoffmeyer, pastor.

*How often have you heard of someone's need
with your heart? When you have,
you've gone into action with love.*

Produce Your Cause

"Nobody in all this world really loves me."

The eighteen-year-old, sobbing as she spoke, had everything going for her. At least on the surface. A warm, closely knit family, parents who know the Lord and are actively involved in witnessing to a lost world; somewhat above average standard of living, evangelical Bible training, excellent educational opportunities.

Puzzled, I asked, "What makes you feel unloved?"

"Nobody listens to my questions or ideas to really hear what I have to suggest." By this time her eyes were black with resentment. How could I help this girl understand what love is? What kind of love, if there are "kinds" of love, was she groping for? Do I have an answer? Do I know what love is?

Lorraine's need drove me to a thoughtful consideration of the emotion which we've come to believe is an absolute basic need of mankind. Somehow, man is unable either to provide adequate love for others or to be satisfied himself with love offered. What makes this needed commodity so elusive? Is it possible that we experience love without recognizing it?

If I am convinced of one thing it is that love can't be defined with words. Words simply cannot stand alone. The "cause" of love, indeed, the proof that it exists is evident in demonstrative behavior equal to the expectations men have charged it with.

At the opposite end of the emotional spectrum, lust bares its fangs on gullible men. Blinded by a wily adversary, duped people fall into the trap of equating love with lust. This surely must be a major reason for not experiencing or living the love life. When carnality (basic to lust) is mistaken for or equated with pure love, it is small

By Althea S. Miller

wonder men don't know God, who himself is love. Satan uses the language of the spirit to camouflage the deadly poison of his counterfeit—lust.

What's your cause? Love? Are you sure? If what you think is love is being used only to further your own interests, that's lust. If you "love" because of personal need of what the one loved can do for you, that's lust. You are really saying, "I want you and what you can do for me because I love me. I must have your attention." You may be unaware that this is your real attitude, but ignorance doesn't absolve guilt. Godly, Biblical love has no taint of using a fellow being for selfish ends.

Love motivates to expansive open-heartedness with no thought of return. Lust manipulates egotistically, with thoughts only of return. This may be difficult to accept, but accept it we must if love instead of lust is to be a viable force in a thriving spirit.

Love is a relationship. The more one gives of it to others the greater the supply. Lust is a killer; as it turns inward life is strangled. God established a personal relationship with sinful man when Jesus came as a man, identified with man and died for man.

Love is a listening heart. I believe Lorraine's chief need is for a heart response from her family. How often have you heard of someone's need with your heart? When you have, you've gone into action with love. If you heard words only with your auditory faculty, but for lack of commitment or interest refused a heart hearing, you lusted.

Love is giving and giving again. Not the sort of giving we've come to asso-

ciate with Christmas. That's tantamount to exchange and isn't necessarily motivated by love. This giving is exemplified in the Godhead. The Father gave His Son; the Son gave His life to redeem lost humanity; the Holy Spirit gives enlightenment and understanding through the Word; a total involvement in continual love-giving. Lust takes from; it knows nothing of self giving.

Love perseveres. It gives up on a fellow only when God does. It's gentle, but oh, so strong. Lust snarls at disappointments and renounces the disappointer. It has a crusty exterior which easily cracks to show a squishy interior. Ugh!

Love relinquishes. Only then can the loved one be free to be what God plans for him to be. The mother who honestly loves her child keeps priorities well aligned. She remembers she was a wife before she became a mother. A healthy, loving relationship with husband keeps love for child within God-planned boundaries. It is lust, not love that ties devastating knots in the apron strings attached to child. "Momism" can't love because it shackles.

No matter what one can think to say about Love vs. Lust, never has man told it like it is. Only God can do that. Don't close your eyes in sleep tonight until you've read through I Corinthians 13 no less than three times. By then you should understand which cause you have been espousing and producing. For many moons you have known, talked and played around with the concepts of "faith, hope, love, these three . . ."

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TEEN QUEEN!



Miss Nancy Emch, a member of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio, was named teen queen at a rally of Airstream trailer owners in Salem, Oregon.

An international teen queen? That sounded impossible, yet that dream came true for me on July 1, 1971. The setting was Salem, Oregon. I was attending the 14th International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Emch, and sister Marcia. (This is the Airstream travel trailer club which is the largest club of its kind in the United States today.) I had been crowned Miss Ohio in September 1970 at Marion, Ohio, so I represented my state with sixteen other various state contestants.

When we arrived, I had no idea that I would receive so many blessings. One of these was finding one of the other contestants to be a born-again Christian, too.

On the morning of June 30 the talent eliminations were held. Each of us girls performed before a large audience and the five judges. The talents varied a great deal. For my talent I was dressed in an appropriate costume and sang "The Deaf Old Women." Then I removed my costume to reveal a street length dress in which I sang "People." I was very surprised to learn that I was one of the ten semi-finalists.

The next evening, we semi-finalists performed again before an audience of about 9,000 people. After this, all seventeen of us were presented in formal attire. You can imagine how thrilled I was when the MC announced that I had won the Top Talent award and the title of International Teen Queen.

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No Christmas . . .

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spirit of Christmas is only part of a broader one to rid the world of the Jesus-myth and everything connected with it.

One step in this direction was the adoption of a new calendar. In a few days, January 1 would begin Year 1 of the Age of Science. The period that is just coming to a close would no longer be referred to as the Christian Era, but as the Prescientific Age.

To ensure enforcement of this program, all names and titles of Christ, together with all words referring to Christian faith, to sentimentality, and to giving, would be blotted from the minds of men by a procedure known only to the Thought Police. The same words would be expunged from all books and papers by a secret process of the Publications Police. Of course the Bible and all related publications, as well as all sentimental poetry, would disappear completely. And new additions of all dictionaries and textbooks would immediately be published, so that even the blanks in the old books would no longer call men's attention to the abolished works.

At this point Joe stumbled right into a policeman.

"I beg your pardon, sir."

"Don't beg my pardon. That word is forbidden. What do you want?"

"I seem bewildered. Could you tell me the way to the post office?"

"There it is right across the street."

"Th--- you, sir."

"Don't thank me. I did not do anything for you. I only assure traffic efficiency."

"Well," mused Joe, "'thank you' must also be a forbidden word. It stuck in my throat."

As he walked into the office, his boss addressed him: "What is your name?"

"Why, you have known me for 10 years. I'm Joe G---." This also stuck in his throat.

"You used to be Joe Goodman. From now on you are Joe Man."

"So," he pondered, "even in proper names all references to goodness are being blotted out."

By the end of the day he was becoming pretty well indoctrinated. As he arrived home, thinking about the superiority of the Age of Science over

the age of sentimentality, he was surprised by his daughter throwing her arms around him and saying, "Daddy, I'm so glad you have come. Mother seems so strange today. She doesn't seem to care for us. She is all taken up with queer ideas. *You* love us, don't you, Daddy?"

"Well, daughter, you must understand that we are entering upon the Age of Science. Mother and I will give you children all the care you need to become useful citizens in a scientific society. But you cannot expect us to waste time playing with you as we did before the Reign of Law."

"Oh, Daddy----"

Joe Goodman awoke from a troubled sleep. What would a new day in the Scientific Age bring him?

He sat up with a start. There was his Bible, right at the head of his bed! It had not disappeared!

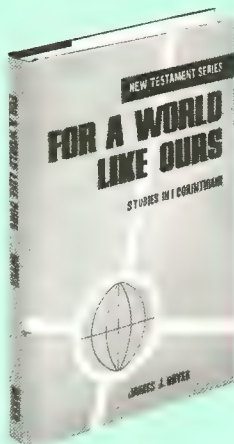
Was it all a dream?

"Th---" Yes, he could say it. It did not stick in his throat! "Thank God! We are *not yet* in the reign of the Antichrist."

Thank God! There is still a Christmas."

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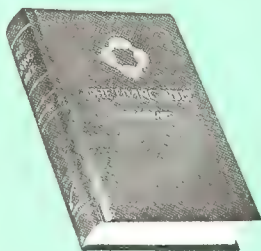


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He Has Been So Faithful

For three months now we have been back in Brazil. These have been busy months, getting resettled in our home and reestablished at Coqueiro (Belem), which is still a new work. I am looking forward to what the Lord has for us in this term, and I know He will provide us with many new opportunities. Our first term held both trials and blessings, but in the latter part we had the joy of actually working with the Brazilian people ourselves and seeing some won to Christ.

I am happy to have been chosen one of the birthday missionaries for this year, and to tell the WMC about my life.

As I think back to my early childhood, I remember it as a happy one even though my home was not then a Christian one. But I must have been about ten years old when suddenly, it seemed, my mother decided we would start going to church. Even though at that time my father would not go, Mother took my two brothers and me and started attending a church a few blocks from our home in Detroit. How I thank the Lord that the church was one where the Gospel was preached. It was not long before Mother accepted Christ as her Saviour. Soon my older brother also accepted Christ, and at the age of thirteen I, too, opened my heart to the Lord.

That was the start of a new life for me, and I am happy to say that the Lord made His plan of salvation clear to each member of my immediate

By Mrs. Judy Wallace

family as the years passed.

After high school, although I did not really know what I wanted to do with my life, I entered Taylor University in Indiana. My first summer vacation I decided I would spend working on the staff at a youth camp. I applied to three different camps, and the one I applied to last was the one which replied; in fact, it was the only one from which I received a reply. Therefore, I felt very definitely that the Lord would have me at Word of Life camp in New York State for the summer of 1959. It was far from home and I did not know anyone there, but I boarded a bus and made the long trip into the mountains.

That summer proved to be a very rich blessing in my life. Never before had I seen the Christian life lived so abundantly as I did on the part of the staff members there. And I met Duke that summer, too; I guess that could be called the frosting on the cake! At any rate, the whole summer was a wonderful experience. One night at a campfire service on the island, I surrendered my life to the Lord for full-time service—and I felt that the mission field was where He would have me. Duke had also given his life to the Lord and felt His leading to the mission field.

I returned to Taylor for one more



Judy Wallace in her home in Brazil

semester, and then transferred to Moody Bible Institute to enter the Missionary Preparation course. By that time Duke had become a student at Grace Seminary.

In 1961 we were married. While Duke was still in seminary we both worked to make ends meet. He graduated in 1964, and shortly before graduation we were blessed with the arrival of our first son, Gregor.

Time had passed since the Lord had called us to serve Him on the mission field, but still we felt this was His plan for us. We needed practical experience, and were led to take the pastorate of a small country church, the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church at North English, Iowa. During our two happy years there, son number two, Kevin, arrived. We learned many lessons while at North English, lessons which we needed for Brazil.

Finally, early in 1967 we left for Brazil. In that first term there was language study, and getting to know and understand people of another culture, before we could really get into the work. Then, while we were in the U.S. on furlough, our third son, Joel, was born. We are now back on the field, just getting into our second term.

Won't you please remember to pray for us? I do not know what the future holds, and really, I do not want to know. The Lord has been so faithful through the years and I know I can trust Him for what will come. I claim His Word as we read in Philippians 1:6—"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Judy at Santo Antonio with a Bible study group displaying their diplomas.



How Could We Doubt Him?

The unrest of my mother, who was attending a liberal church, was the means of bringing salvation in the Lord to me. In seeking for deeper things in the Lord, we were introduced to the First Brethren Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Through the friendliness of the young people and being persuaded to go to a district youth camp, I found that I needed the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. I gave my heart and life to Him at the campfire service the day after my sixteenth birthday. A new life began for me. Verses of Scripture that became very precious to me as I grew in the Lord and put my trust more completely in Him for direction in my life are as follows: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

During my college days I fell in love with Harold Mason, whom I married shortly after graduation from Bob

Jones University in 1947. Harold was in medical school when we were married. He had completed his term of serving with "Uncle Sam" and had received part of his medical training while in the service. We felt that the Lord had a purpose in giving this medical training, and we wanted to use it wherever He wanted us.

The year of internship brought us face to face with the issue of foreign mission service. Did the Lord want us on the foreign field or would "Uncle Sam" have Harold again? The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was willing to accept us, and the Lord overruled in regards to military service. How could we doubt His leading? So with three little ones we spent a year at Grace Seminary. Then there were final preparations for leaving the States, sixteen months of study in France, and then off to Africa.

Those were wonderful years in Africa; not smooth, easy-going years,



By
Mrs.
Harold
Mason

but years filled with joy because the Lord had directed us there. I had the joys and frustrations of teaching some of the African women to read and write; also I endeavored to help them gain confidence in themselves so that they could become leaders in their WMC groups. We had the privilege of helping get the new Medical Center under way. One of my jobs was to work in the main pharmacy for the mission, ordering medicines and filling the various medical orders for the dispensaries.

We are now living in Warsaw, Indiana. Our oldest daughter, Naomi, is furthering her studies by working on her masters degree in Lexington, Kentucky. Steve is serving the United States in Vietnam. Gloria is at Grace College. Wilma, Joyce and Sharon are in the eleventh, sixth, and fourth grades, respectively.

The Lord has always been faithful to us—leading, directing, and guiding us through difficult decisions and through manifold joys. What a wonderful Saviour we have. May we be faithful in living for Him.

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Discipline Diary

I am a firm believer in children sharing the household duties. It seemed the only time I noticed any of our children's share was when it wasn't done; of course, with a negative attitude on my part. Realizing my attitude and tone of voice influenced the children's attitudes, I tried an "about face." "Your room surely looked neat today. That's the way I like to see it." "I appreciate that you scoured the sink out and remembered to clean off the stove when you were finished with the dishes." Children have a need to be appreciated, and with my positive attitude toward them, they put forth more effort to please me and to care for their responsibilities.—*L. R., Indiana*

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Bees Have a Message

and do all kinds of housekeeping work. They guard the entrance to the nest against enemies. If necessary, they fight and die to protect the colony. The queen honeybee does not rule the colony, but she is the force that holds it together. The workers become excited and disorganized if she is not in the nest.

I'm sure there is much here that could parallel our Christian lives.

Maybe we could say that Jesus

Christ, like the queen bee, certainly does not rule our lives against our will—but most certainly holds the church together.

When we forget or fail to seek His direction, disorganization is the result—and often calamity.

We are workers together, not able to do much by ourselves, but many workers together in the cause of Christ can accomplish many things for Him!

NORTHERN ATLANTIC RALLY AT MYERSTOWN

What could be more rewarding on a cool, crisp fall day, than to be in God's House, sharing God's blessing with 156 other women of like precious faith? October 7, 1971, was a red-letter day at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown as the Women's Missionary Council was hosting the district WMC rally! We used the WMC theme verse for our motto of the day: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."

Our project offering for Brazil was to be used to purchase films on the Life of Christ. The total amount given was \$690.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Elaine Bearinger, who has served the Lord as a missionary on the field of Brazil. We thought this was very ap-

propriate since our project was for Brazil.

Special awards were given to those women who had read the entire Bible in one year; pins for the first year, Bibles for the fifth year.

Myerstown was quite happy to receive the electric percolator as an award for having the largest increase in attendance and highest average attendance at their regular monthly meetings and at the rally.

This wonderful day was nearly over—but before we parted all the ladies formed a circle around the sanctuary and sang our theme song, "Holy Bible Book Divine." Each lady determined in her heart to be a better doer of the Word.—Mrs. Hanna Bowman

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AFRICA

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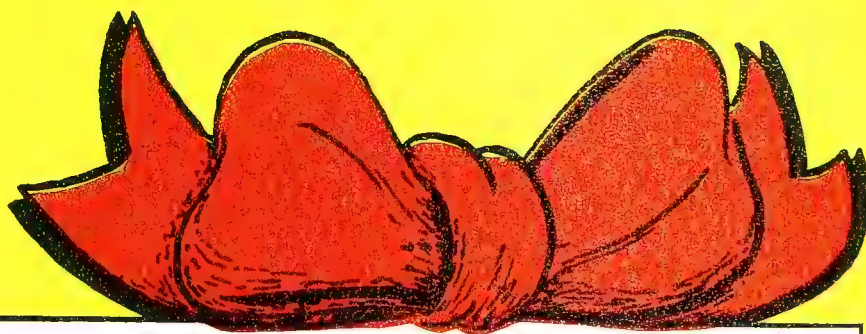
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By Mary L. Hammers



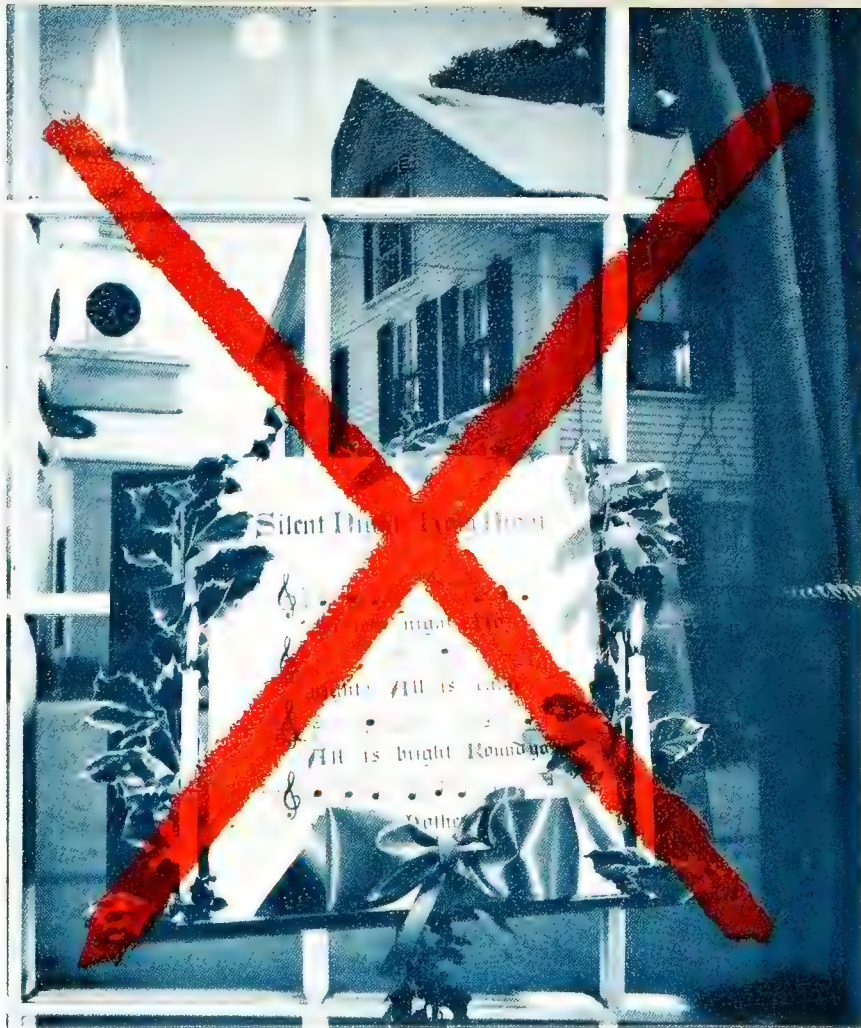
How much did the shepherds know that night
As the radiant angels sang?
How full was their understanding
As the heavenly chorus rang?
They shrank in fear and trembling
At the brilliance of the light;
Then the angel spoke and said, "Fear not!
Your Saviour is born tonight."
In their simple faith they left their flocks
And came to kneel at His feet,
They gave Him their adoration
And found joy in His presence complete.

How much did the innkeeper know that night
When he turned them away from his door?
Nothing—except they were travelers—
Weary, and worn and footsore;
He knew that his rooms were all taken,
He knew there was no cot to share,
Yet, touched by the pleading of Joseph
His heart was made to care.
'Twas only a stable he gave them,
'Twas only a bed of hay;
And yet he gave them something
In his own unknowing way.

How much did the wisemen know that night
As they started to come from afar?
They knew the King of the Jews had been born
Because they had seen His star.
The journey was long and tiresome,
But in faith they traveled on
'Til they came to the house where the child was
With Mary in Bethlehem town.
Upon their knees they worshipped Him
And opening treasures rare
Gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh,
And rejoiced to find Him there.

The innkeeper, the shepherds, the wisemen, too,
Each gave of himself the best he knew;
Obedient each to the will of the Lord,
Fulfilling that day God's precious Word.
But what about us who know Him today,
With all that we know, what do we say?
As His will is made plain, His blessings abound,
Is a deep love of Christ in us to be found?

Lord, take my life now, not a part but the whole,
And help me to bow to the Spirit's control;
Take praise for thyself every hour that I live,
Every part of my being, Lord, help me to give.



No Christmas this Year!

"Christmas is only a headache to us postal employees," grumbled Joe Goodman as he came home from work. "I wish there was no Christmas."

On his way to the office next morning he was astonished to hear the newsboys calling out: "Extra! Extra! No Christmas this year!"

There it was in black and white. The Supreme Council of Man had issued a decree abolishing Christmas and all practices connected with it.

Giving was abolished. Giving something for nothing was contrary to the principles of a scientific society. All transactions would take place on the basis of buying, selling, or exchange. An exactly equivalent value must be

By Dr. Floyd Taber
Missionary, C.A.R.

paid for each article received. The police would see to it that no camouflaged giving took place by selling for a nominal price.

Every service rendered must be paid for. It was illegal to show any kindnesses or favors. Every man should receive his exact deserts. The reign of law would be absolute.

All words denoting anti-scientific sentiment were abolished. "Grace," "mercy," "sympathy," "goodness," "love" must never be mentioned. The last-mentioned carries a meaning in some circles that might be legiti-

mate, but because of the sentiment mixed with it in many minds, the expressions "sex" and "procreation" were to be preferred.

Children would be cared for not by the silly sentimental thing formerly known as mother-love but on a systematic basis calculated to assure their future value to a scientific society. All incapable of making such a contribution, because of bodily defects or wrong mental attitudes would be eliminated by euthanasia. People too old to take an active part in such a society would be disposed of in the same way.

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"I've Found the Answer"

DERATOR'S ADDRESS

BY WILLIAM TWEEDDALE

Delegates and friends of the eighty-second conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. God in His providence has given us another year to labor in His vineyard. Conference thus has a threefold nature, it is a continuation of the conference of last year, and in many ways, it will be hard for us to believe that the days have passed. There will be a confrontation of our present needs, almost as if yesterday never passed and tomorrow never will come; what is important is the present sheet. There will also be reference to the future, and the things that we hope to accomplish, it represents the collective dreams, goals and challenges of tomorrow. We feel that in every sense the Brethren Church has been placed here in a strategic way by the hand of an Almighty God. I believe that either we sense this destiny or we don't. God has given us a message for the world. He has implanted a supernatural life within us. It is up to us to give that life to the world that is writhing in the pain of death. To glibly sing that "I've Found the Answer" and then keep the answer to ourselves would be as inhuman as the doctor who finds a cure for cancer and keeps it locked up in his safe; or a policeman as a police officer who knows of a severe washout down the road, and doesn't wave on the unsuspecting traveler. A. Welborn challenged the Iowa conference with this fact when he said:

The world as a whole has moved into such a position that unregenerate people fear for its continued existence. Fear for its continued existence has begun with the coming of the super destructive power of the split atom. Following the use of two atom bombs on Japan near the end of World War II, important men of world

renown said: 'To many ears come the sound of the tramp of doom. Time is short.' Another said, 'The end cannot be far distant.' H. G. Wells declared: 'This world is at the end of its tether. The end of everything we call life is close at hand.' The late general and ex-president, Dwight Eisenhower said: 'Without moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for us as we are going to disappear one day in the dust of an atomic explosion.' Let me ask you: 'Have we had that moral regeneration throughout the world?' "

There is no question in my mind but that God has given us a unique opportunity. God has given to the Brethren Church the machinery to fulfill the needs of world evangelism. He has placed in our hands a bright, new well oiled machine, a machine that may be compared to the engine that drives a super jet transport, and we are trying to put it in a Piper Cub. There is not a reason in the world that we should not be out inviting people to our Saviour, and inviting them into the fellowship of our churches. What I have witnessed concerning the source of life in the Brethren Church this past year has both thrilled and humbled me, we really do have a great program but we are keeping it to ourselves.

There have always been rumblings about college students. I was asked to deliver a series of addresses on the Grace campus this past spring, and happily my quarters were in the college dorm. I wanted to see whether campus life had degenerated from my Bible institute days, seventeen years ago. What I saw thrilled me. The first night I was there a knock came on the door of the room. A young man told me of the opportunity that was opened for a gospel team to go to a home of delinquent teens,

and he extended to me the opportunity of presenting the Gospel. On a rainy Thursday night, I was invited to a student prayer meeting. When we reached the dorm, there was a group of fellows huddled together, the rain still pouring off them. When they took count of who was there, they could account for every fellow from the two dorms except for those working, and two or three who needed special prayer either for sickness or something else. These fellows engaged themselves in travailing prayer for you, for their home churches, for their missionaries, for their unsaved loved ones. As I left, I wondered how many of my church people would come out on the same kind of night to pray for the needs of others. If these are our young rebels let's have more of them.

During the week at Grace I lived right next to the recreation area of the dorm. I ate with the students, and talked with them. I observed whatever I could, I sought to be objective, and I was impressed. The highest tribute I can pay the school is: as a father, if my girls choose Grace College I will be indeed happy.

At the seminary I met one of the older students, a fellow who graduated with me. He is a leader in an outstanding evangelical college, and is going to seminary in hopes of receiving his doctor's degree. As he sat across the table from one of his denominational friends and me, he spoke of the outstanding foreign- and home-missionary program of the Brethren Church. I listened to what he had to say because he headed the missions department at his school. He then shared the genius of *The Brethren Missionary Herald* and how well it keeps the Brethren informed as to what is happening in our world. A student going to seminary who was in a speech class that I taught at Lancaster School of the Bible is now preaching at an Independent Church in this area. He said: "I wonder if the average Grace Brethren realizes what a great school you have here at Winona."

God has been so good to us, and if we fall into oblivion it will be because we were not thankful for what God has done. Remember God's judgment starts with unthankful hearts: "Neither were [they] thankful. . . . Wherefore God also gave them up." We have been a showpiece to

the world in every program we have engaged in. We have polished the engine well, have oiled it—now let's put it to work.

During this week, each afternoon will be given over to a soul-winning clinic. **THE EMPHASIS THAT WE NOW NEED**—The local church must be the reservoir of new converts. Ron Picard, who has been greatly used of God, will be teaching one who is interested how to lead a soul to Christ. This may well be the means of changing the complexion of a small, polished denomination into God's instrument for meeting America's need. I am looking forward to the moving of the Spirit in revival this week.

The reason I am a member of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is that we have **ANSWERS**. We have answers for the heart need of man, we have the Gospel. We have the answer for church policy, we have *The Message of the Brethren Ministry*. We have the answer to the needs of reaching America for Christ. Our mission boards, both foreign and home, are instruments of God to reap a harvest. The challenge is ours—let's get to work.

1. *I've found the answer to the need of the person*—The world is looking for the answers through drugs and sex, yet we are silent. Each person who has had his heart operated on by the Holy Spirit knows the satisfaction that comes to his soul. We need not be embarrassed, we need to share our living Christ with a dying world. If you have never experienced the thrill of leading a soul to Christ, you can learn this week. You can then engage others in your church in going with you on soul-winning ventures in your community. Next year you can see a one-to-one statistic on our report. James Kennedy, moderator of the Northeastern Ohio District, put it well when he said: "Instead of the struggle for money, material wealth, and the things of this world, there ought to be the struggle of being faithful in the things of the Lord."

2. *I've found the answer to the need of the family*—The family is the blueprint of the heavenly relationship. It is God's picture of Christ and His relationship to the church. Satan knows that if the family can be disrupted people will never know the reality of which it is to speak. All stops have been

ed out in satanic warfare to destroy concept of the home. Immorality is rampant and venereal disease has reached epidemic proportions. College students are dying up in their attempt to commit suicide, which today is the leading killer on campus. Many times the reason is the inability of the mind to handle the guilt caused by illicit sex. Mini-marriages are being advocated by some state lawmakers, and fault divorce laws are widely advocated and accepted. In our state a member of our Board of Regents, an outstanding young man, a lawyer, has caused herself almost unbearable heartache by revealing what's going on in our state dormitories. She visited our state universities, "Tax supported whore houses." Pornography is a billion dollar business. In our town we used to have several theaters that only show X-rated films. Now we have several stores that are restricted to those over twenty-one, pouring out their filth into the mainstream of American life. A layman, Robert Harris, was the moderator of the Michigan District and he was disturbed enough over the condition of *the home* that he addressed himself primarily to this need at our district conference.

What alternatives are there to this rising tide of disruptive influence in the home? I once asked Miss Ruth Kent, who taught many of our missionaries' children in her one-room schoolhouse in Africa, how many of the children she taught departed from the faith? She sat back for a moment and then replied, "very few, and of those who did I really have not given up hope." I believe that our Brethren leaders should be commended in their ability to raise fine children. The Brethren Church from its inception has been a fellowship of families. In a day when the matriarchal society is producing an unbearable welfare tax burden on the public, when one out of three marriages are ending in divorce and in some countries in the United States it is running as high as 80 percent. In a day when these cities have become sewers, pouring their filth into our society, we have to show the world that we have found the answer. Oh, yes! I know there are a few glaring examples in the Brethren Church to the contrary, but I have found that pastors and

laymen who are involved in our total program are producing some fine young saints. Perhaps I can be at liberty to say this because I was not raised in the Brethren Church. Much of our leadership is the product of Brethren family altars, and I am impressed by this fact.

I am appalled when I think of the tears shed by parents over their children who are frustrated as they attempt to find answers outside of Christ, and when I think of dads who because of divorce are separated for life from their children. Christians, we can no longer be silent, we must demonstrate to our friends and community and our world, the joyous living that can be produced by the Christian home. Our homes must be fortified, and time must be devoted to this important ministry. Our homes must be lighthouses in a dark world, lighthouses of enlightened understanding, in a society that is trying to sell their blackness as light.

Let me say a word about the Christian Education Department, and it is a tribute to a man, Dr. Harold Etling, who has served us long and well. My two teenage girls are seeking to memorize the entire Book of Matthew, and the reason for this is a program sponsored by our Christian Education Department. Knowing my girls, who are ordinary teenagers, I am thankful for those who are concerned. I know of no program in the world that could so encourage teens to saturate themselves in the Word like our program does. This year is the year of another great youth conference at Grace College, and more than that the conference is challenging young people concerning commitment to Christ. I've found the answer through the national youth movement of the Brethren Church in challenging my children for Christ. Our Fellowship says: "Thank you, Dr. Etling, and thanks to the sponsors, and everyone else who has part in this effort."

3. *I've found the answer to the need of the local church*—Ron Thompson pointed out to the Southeast District the delicate balance that must be maintained to keep our churches pure: "Brethren have been so careful to teach that the denomination does not save, they have unwittingly implied that the local church is unimportant.

The distinction between the Body of Christ, and its visible expression is important, but while we teach the invisible Body of Christ is MOST important, we should also teach that the local church is VERY important."

Today America no longer feels that the church is important. Articles have pointed out that there are fewer people each year attending church, one such article was published in *U. S. News and World Report* for Feb. 8, 1971.

America's largest denomination, the Roman Catholic Church, showed a decline of 1,149 members last year—small in comparison with a total membership of 48 million, but the first such decline in this century. Last year, too, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops incurred a deficit of 2 million dollars and now is making cuts in its 1971 budget.

For the nations "main line" Protestant churches, years of postwar growth and prosperity are ending.

Membership losses have been reported by the Episcopalians, the United Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), the United Presbyterian Church and the American Lutheran Church, among others.

Huge building projects and office personnel for their ecumenical efforts have been drastically cut back. Modernism is like a plague that gets its start on living matter and eventually kills all, even itself.

The vacuum produced by such happenings is apparent. In the 60s the popular music concerned itself with sex and dope, today in the 70s young people are reaching out for something spiritual. Is it not strange that a song like "Amazing Grace" has hit the top ten songs in our nation? Billy Graham has spoken of the upsurge in interest in the things of the Lord among the subcultures as that which has almost reached revival proportions. Where are these people to be fed? If the Brethren Church can keep its sanity, and continue to teach and preach the Bible as the Word of God, and our pastors will continue to train themselves even after leaving seminary in the Book of Books, God's abundant blessings may well be just around the corner. Our expertise has always been our Bible-teaching ministry. May we enthusiastically continue to fill this roll.

Young people are sincerely turning from drugs and sex having been sickened in cesspools of sin. We must stoop down and help clean them up and share with them the water of life. We can be known as a church that has compassion through the grace of God. Several churches in our Fellowship are doing an effective job in this area.

Our ordinances are meaningless if they are not backed up by life change. Our Feet Washing service should be set aside if it is not a teaching tool to teach us to humbly take the Word of God to others and help them be cleansed from the defilement of sin. As the water symbolized the Word of God, may we be willing to take it to our brothers and sisters in Christ, with the spirit of the "love kiss" rather than in the spirit of critical complaining. God has given us the picture of what He expects of us, let us live in its light. The meaning behind the Feet Washing service has become increasingly more precious to me since coming into the light of what it means to be filled with the Spirit. The man with *defiled* feet is like the saint picking up the debris of this world. The man with a *defiant* heart "thou shalt never wash my feet" is like the saint refusing to admit the sin that hinders his growth. Then there is the man with the *desperate* cry, "not my feet only but my hands and my head." True sin is revealed by the Word, God's cleansing agent is the blood of Christ. Fullness has to do with confession, and thanksgiving to God for cleansing. This ancient ordinance may well be that, a safeguard against many of the extremes currently invading the evangelical church.

I believe that triune immersion is taught in the Word of God. When a person who is baptized differently seeks entrance into the church where I am pastoring, I simply ask him if he would like me to compromise what I believe to be Bible truth for his sake. The inevitable answer is no, showing me that he does not want compromise on the part of his pastor. I really believe that additional factions and problems in the church can be minimized through the method of admitting members. However, we also must realize that these are my convictions, and that there are other pastoral

sincerely are committed to the Bible, show a greater outreach posture than church, who believe differently. They are members by other modes of baptism, however, they practice only trine immersion. These men cannot be lightly dismissed as Baptist or Independents—they are Brethren. We cannot relegate them to, say, A National Fellowship of Baptist churches by default, they belong with us, they may very well have something to teach us. I spent a week in one such church last past year and saw more love and more concern for the lost than in many other churches I visited. Praise God for the convictions of our pastors. However, may we not equate the word "conviction" with "attention," they really are two different things. I think our Fellowship should be open to all who baptize new converts by the immersion regardless of the position of receiving former people. Maybe if we were more fully committed to a soul-winning program, we would have far fewer problems.

I've found the answer for reaching people in my state through district cooperation—In chapter 15 of Acts the churches came together to care for common problems. They made resolutions and went back to work. We have common problems in Florida, the common problem of reaching men and women for Christ, of establishing Bible believing churches, the problem of reaching our young people for Christ, the problem of training and providing fellowship for these young people. We can do this much more effectively by working together than we ever could work alone.

Some of our larger churches have provided real help and encouragement to the smaller ones. This past year our little se-mission church was in a strait not knowing where to get funds to build. Interest rates were so high elsewhere that there was a squeeze placed on the BIF. The Lauderdale church received an allotment from the state for a new road going through their church. They invested this money in BIF earmarking it for the St. Petersburg church—this is what I mean by cooperation.

A pastor in a large fast-growing church in Ohio has selflessly given of himself to district and national affairs, even though his church can provide its own programs. He does this because he believes in the total work of the Brethren Church. We praise the Lord for this type of attitude. The dedication that people show to the Lord, in the spirit of cooperative outreach on the district level is the very heart of our Fellowship. This was touched upon by Richard Cron in his address to the delegates of the Nor-Cal conference. "If a pastor leaves a church are you asking yourself what you can do to help that church through a crisis? If social setbacks in certain communities bring a financial burden on a church; are you seeking to bring the help of your church to a sister congregation? Or is there a sort of morbid curiosity as you talk about the situation but do nothing. Paul in Galatians exhorted the believers to 'bear one another's burdens.'"

5. I've found the answer for reaching people in the United States through the Brethren Home Missions Council—Just think of it! I can have a share in establishing churches in Southern California, or Colorado, or New Mexico, although I live in Florida. This can be done through the cooperative effort of all those interested in the work of the Home Missions Council. I am proud to be part of this team. The major burden is to have the same kind of outreach ministry as found in the New Testament—that of reaching people where they are. We are engaged in urban and suburban ministries, reaching population centers. Trace the work of Paul in the Book of Acts and compare it to the strategy of the Council, you will find a striking similarity. I have yet to find a program anywhere in the U. S. that is better geared to reach America through the New Testament church-planting method. Rev. Lester Pifer and his team should be commended for the outstanding leadership they afford us.

Theoretically if a group of people desire to establish a New Testament church they will be involved in an operation that may cost \$12,000 the first year. The cost is palatable when divided through the local congregation, the district, and the Home

Missions Council. Beside financial aid, I have found great help from the Council in the details of church structure and organization. There are related helps afforded the new congregation through the Brethren Investment Foundation and the Brethren Architectural Service. A free book has been published by our Architectural Service showing various church designs that are afforded to a congregation. This service has no equal in the whole world, it is right there at the top. We should praise the Lord for that which He has given us. If you invest in establishing a church in any mission point, you can be assured that it will be doctrinally sound, and your investment in establishing a Bible church will be the end result. This is assured through contracts and oversight. Listen to the way William Steffler put it to the Northern Atlantic District Conference: "The Grace Brethren Church has a splendid missionary program. We want more Brethren churches in the homeland. Let us back our home-missionary program with our wholehearted support." These words carry extra weight when we realize that these are the words from a man who celebrated his fiftieth year in the ministry last year.

6. *I've found the answer for reaching the world through our foreign missionary effort*—My first three years in the ministry were served in a church other than a Brethren church. The heartbeat of this church was to establish a missionary-minded church. We spent a great deal of time and talent in putting a fine missionary conference before our people. We were able to procure some of the finest missionary speakers available, however, after the conference was over, I was disturbed. We had one speaker extol the method of world outreach through radio, another through mass meetings, another through emphasis on the child, another on the teen and still another on the adult. During the week, although we were challenged for outreach, we heard nothing about the ministry of the local church. As a pastor I was at the point of leaving the pastorate to do a more effective job I thought elsewhere. Then I examined the New Testament and saw how world evangelism was accomplished through the indigenous church-planting

method. Other methods have worth only if they relate to the ministry of the local church, in its local situation. As a pastor I feel that I am part of a world team reaching souls for Christ. I feel a bond of comradeship with my fellow pastors in Argentina or Africa or Brazil. We are equals in every sense of the word, doing a job for God. We are a fraternity of churches that envelop the globe. Pastor Noel in Bangui is using the same principle as I am only he seems to be doing it better.

Vision

I have a vision of people working together in this last age for the cause of Christ. Although, outside the storm raging and we are being assailed from every quarter. Even though hostile winds blow with destructive force, I see the church triumphant rising above adversity, soaring to new heights. We are not like the sparrows beaten against the hillside in the storm, we are like the eagle who soars to new heights by the same wind.

I see a people who not only use the word "Grace" as part of their title but whose very existence is dependent upon the grace of God. They exercise this grace in every aspect of life. I see a people where grace has replaced gossip, where complaining is dissolved in a solution of grace and commission. I see people who are deeply love with each other demonstrating to the world around them that love and lust are antonyms rather than synonyms, where the definition of love is demonstrated in strength rather than illusionary, flowing in frailty. I see a people who are so in love with Christ that they love what He loves, they find it easy to love their fellow believers. These Christians cannot discourage another Christian, because they sense the mutual dependency. We know that because God calls us by the name of that which He wants us to be—He calls us "Saints." We must call our fellows by such names that would encourage them. I have a vision of people who have found the answers to life's greatest need in Christ, and they smile at poverty and adversity, they know God's strength and riches, these are people who are showing the world the contentment of marriage, the joy of new life, the peace

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This compassion can be implemented
dopting the recommendations made to
Southern California-Arizona District.
ommendations that read as follows:

I recommend that during this coming year
pastor set as a goal, taking different laymen
s church out weekly into the harvest field.
ning the vast population around us must
with the leadership of the pastor with in-
eld experience. It is not enough to ad-
sh from the pulpit.

I recommend that during this coming year,
d Christ tarry, we will all have obeyed Jesus
t and have personally become involved in
ssive, Book of Acts kind of evangelism.
conscious all the time, but giving a particu-
me to reach the world through the oppor-
ty of the program in your local church. This,
Lord said to do about 2,000 years
... and He didn't make it a recommenda-

I recommend that all our churches, by this
next year will have weekly organized pro-
gs to reach in a systematic way the "Jeru-
" that they are in, with an emphasis that
es to the end of the earth. My prayer is that
will be a priority effort above all other
rities. We have often tried *our*

methods . . . now let's do what the Lord did. He
came "to seek and to save that which was lost."
Can we have a higher calling than that?

I recommend that as an aid to programs in the
local church, we as a district conduct before next
conference, two seminars with actual class and
on-the-job training.

I recommend that this conference recommend
to Grace College and Seminary that all stops be
pulled for intensified training in soul-winning
with "lab work" as in Biology. Furthermore, that
this be part of the curriculum, even ahead of
Greek and Hebrew, because pastors are gradu-
ating from our seminaries without actually know-
ing how to effectively go into a home and lead a
family to Christ. This training not for the pur-
pose of seeking church calls, but on how to win
people to Christ.

3. I would like to see a greater concern
placed on our outreach posture by develop-
ing our church program, in the area of
music and organization. May our music be
that which has an appeal to bring people to
our Saviour, this music has broadly been
called "Gospel Music." May our music
speak to the heart of humanity, rather than
placating the pew. Music has always accom-
panied evangelism. I would like to see the
genius behind some of the first-class gospel
teams put into the weekly program of our
local churches. I would challenge laymen
who have God-given talent not to dissipate
your energies in areas other than your local
church.

4. I would like to see every delegate
leave this conference with the "know how"
and the desire to build for our Saviour.
What we have is tremendous—let's share it
with the world. If you have never been
trained, and I am speaking to every dele-
gate, we will have daily training sessions on
the grounds each afternoon. Learn the art
of soul-winning and go back to your
church, find a partner and do the work of
God—you will be doing the world a favor.

5. I recommend that a committee be
set up to present the work of the Brethren
Church to America, in connection with the
200th Anniversary of the birth of our
nation, as well as the upcoming 100th An-
niversary of the Progressive Brethren. I
believe that the committee should have
representation from our Northern Atlantic
District, and we would recommend Pastor
Vernon Harris, and also our denominational
historian Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., along with a

man who has had ability in promotion, our Vice Moderator, Rev. Robert Thompson. These men will coordinate our efforts, to keep our heritage before our nation.

6. I also recommend that a committee be set up that will suggest to our district conferences, as well as our national conference, new geographic boundaries for our districts. Boundaries that will facilitate easier access to sister churches. Boundaries that will also facilitate greater growth due to closer cooperation. I would like to see this committee also come up with some new names for our districts. Confusion is created in the minds of new people to our

Fellowship when they find, for example that there are two districts further than the "East District," and one far south and east than the "Southeast District."

We are approaching our 300th Anniversary. We have a job to do for Saviour, and we all know full well that curtain is about to descend on this age. My prayer that the Brethren Church will not sneak offstage like a scared mouse, rather, will aid in bringing about the return of the Lord, like a volley of works announces the end of the festival on the Fourth of July.

Business Sessions

1ST SESSION, AUGUST 9

The first business session of the 82nd Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, meeting at Indiana Lake, Indiana, was officially opened by the Moderator, Rev. William F. Addale.

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Membership Committee. They received 447 lay delegates and 233 ministerial delegates, for a first-day total of 680. The delegates were seated.

A motion prevailed that the official list of member churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches consist of those listed on pages 72-87 in the *Brethren Annual* dated October 31, 1970, and all churches received into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches at the 1971 annual conference.

A motion prevailed that we receive the Indiana Grace Brethren Church of Indiana, Pennsylvania, into the NFBC.

A motion prevailed that we receive the Brethren Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, into the NFBC.

A motion prevailed that we entertain the following motion regarding the conference business session minutes made by the National Ministerium, as the next item of business:

A motion prevailed that we recommend to our annual conference: 1. That business sessions be recorded by tape. 2. That three persons be appointed to edit the minutes with the secretary. 3. That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of business sessions."

A motion prevailed to adopt the motion regarding the handling of the conference business session minutes.

A motion was made and passed to make corrections on the business session minutes effective as of Tuesday morning, August

A motion prevailed that the report of the Brethren Retirement Home Committee be postponed until Thursday, August 12.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits be postponed until Tuesday.

A motion prevailed to adopt the agenda presented by the executive secretary as amended.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and that the following names be placed in nomination.

Moderator: Robert Collitt, Leo Polman
Vice Moderator: Wayne Beaver, Clair Brickel
Secretary: Robert Kern, Clyde Landrum, Phillip Simmons

Assistant Secretary: Gordon Bracker, James McClellan, Jerry Young
Treasurer: Lester Kennedy, Dean Risser, Robert Salazar

Statistician: Sherwood Durkee, Harold Etling, Charles Koontz

Committee on Committees: Charles Ashman, William Byers, Jesse Deloe, Richard Grant, L. L. Grubb, Charles Lawson, George Peek, Gene Witzky

The following persons were nominated from the floor:

Moderator: George Peek
Treasurer: Dwight Stair
Statistician: Lloyd Fish
Committee on Committees: Bob Whited, Richard Messner

A motion was passed that the nominations be closed.

A motion was made and passed to place in nomination the following persons for membership on the National Conference Executive Committee:

Allegheny: Shimer Darr, Robert Burns
East: Don Rough, Wesley Haller
Florida: R. Paul Miller
Indiana: P. Fred Fogle, Richard DeArmedy
Iowa: James Marshall
Michigan: Robert Poirier
Mid-Atlantic: Donald Hinks, Wendell Kent

Midwest: Bill Stevens
 Northern Atlantic: Luke Kauffman, Kenneth Russell
 Nor-Cal: Richard Cron
 Northcentral Ohio: Maynard Tittle, Ward Tressler
 Northeastern Ohio: Robert Holmes, John Burke
 Northwest: George Christie
 Southeast: Ron Thompson, Lester Kennedy
 Southern California-Arizona: David Hocking, George Peek, Harold Dunning, Douglas Bray
 Southern Ohio: Charles Lawson, Forrest Jackson

A motion prevailed that the nominees to the Executive Committee of the NFBC be elected.

A motion was made and passed to place in nomination the following persons to serve a three-year term on the Board of Evangelism.

Robert Collitt
 Joe Dombek
 Bryson Fettes
 Richard Sellers

The following person was nominated from the floor:

True Hunt

A motion prevailed that nominations be closed.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to listen to the tape of the business session minutes:

Gordon Austin, Warren Tamkin, John Neely

A motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 10

The second business session was called to order by Moderator, William Tweeddale.

A motion prevailed to accept the additional report of the Membership Committee reporting 473 lay delegates and 253 ministerial delegates for a second-day total of 726. These delegates were seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion prevailed to adopt the minutes.

A motion prevailed that we receive the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, Pennsylvania, into the NFBC.

Gerald Polman of the Rules and Organization Committee announced the result of the election. Only three offices were elected:

Vice Moderator: Wayne Beaver
Secretary: Clyde Landrum
Committee on Committees: Charles man

Further election was held for the following officers:

Moderator: Robert Collitt, Leo Polman
Assistant Secretary: Gordon Brack
 Jerry Young
Treasurer: Dean Risser, Dwight Stair
Statistician: Harold Etling, Lloyd Fisher
Committee on Committees: Jesse De
 Richard Grant, L. L. Grubb, Richard Messner

Report on the Board of Evangelism:

Robert Collitt
 Joe Dombek
 Bryson Fettes
 Richard Sellers

A motion prevailed to receive the report on nominations for the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits and that the following names be placed in nomination for a 3-year term:

Bryson Fettes
 Gerald Polman
 Clair Brickel

A motion prevailed that the nominations cease and these be declared elected.

A motion prevailed to receive the report on the nominations of the following names for the Christian Education Board.

For a 3-year term: Roscoe Williams, Lee DeVernon Harris, G. Forrest Jackson, Dale Seifert

For a 2-year term: Charles Thornton

A motion prevailed that the nominations cease and these be declared elected.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Statistician.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Year Ending December 31, 1970

	No. Churches Reporting			Memberships	
DISTRICT	1968	1969	1970	1969	1970
Allegheny . . .	14	16	16	1,624	1,700
East	16	17	17	2,641	2,700
Florida	7	7	7	784	700
Indiana	17	17	17	2,164	2,200
Iowa	10	10	10	972	1,000
Michigan	8	8	8	476	400
Mid-Atlantic . .	10	11	11	2,439	2,500
Midwest	7	7	9	612	600
No. Atlantic . .	14	15	15	1,582	1,700
Nor-Cal	6	5	7	653	600

L. Ohio . . . 13	13	14	2,655	2,281
rn. Ohio 13	13	13	2,237	2,293
west . . . 13	12	13	1,190	1,212
liff.-Ariz. 37	38	37	7,458	7,642
Ohio . . . 18	19	18	2,222	2,370
theast . . . 17	17	18	2,372	2,422
ALS: . . . 220	226	230	32,307	33,239

	Sunday-school		Sunday-school	
	Enrollment		Attendance	
	1969	1970	1969	1970
heny . . .	2,082	2,077	1,584	1,565
.	2,798	2,811	2,085	2,024
da	1,481	1,238	922	843
na	3,207	2,732	2,248	2,246
.	1,201	1,281	895	937
gan	880	823	617	589
Atlantic. 3,392	3,632	2,365	2,477	
est	827	798	599	609
Atlantic. 2,685	2,735	1,971	2,034	
Cal	836	854	589	613
rn. Ohio . 3,043	2,684	2,234	2,217	
rn. Ohio . 2,590	2,564	1,897	1,838	
west	1,318	1,139	911	1,026
liff.-Ariz. 9,284	9,664	6,610	6,822	
Ohio	2,993	2,683	2,116	1,900
theast . . .	2,765	2,867	1,979	2,102
ALS: . . .	41,382	40,617	29,622	29,842

ases or				
sses) . . .	285	(765)	(360)	220
o Rico . . .	35	38	24	24
ii	286	265	215	205

Persons were not received from Tracy, California;
 rns Park—Dayton, Ohio.

CHURCHES REPORTING: Colorado

gs, Colo.; Fremont (Chapel), Ohio.

MEMBERSHIP (CONTINENTAL USA)

	1969	1970
membership at		
inning of year	31,727	32,307
ED:		
etter from other		
ominations	309	369
etter from other		
hren churches	710	496
ptism	1,927	2,275
.	261	173
otal additions	3,207	3,315
.		
her denominations		
etter	330	337
her Brethren churches	636	497
ath	207	223
ssimal	21	18
ll revision	1,259	1,252
.	174	58
otal losses	2,627	2,383
et gain	580	932
membership at end		
ear	32,307	33,239
mmersed membership		
orted	31,324	32,242
members	13,873	14,734
le members	18,116	18,505

OR OTHERS OFFERINGS DISBURSED

(Figures to the nearest whole dollar)

	1969	1970
gn missions total . .	\$605,358	\$617,935
al support	382,567	389,445
eral fund	136,750	137,327
fit club	21,889	25,485

Total Brethren F.M. . .	545,161	558,473
Non-Brethren F.M. . .	57,116	58,633
Home missions total . . .	405,338	428,426
General fund	242,830	246,196
Jewish	18,745	19,841
Navajo	33,465	35,663
Special	16,074	12,874
Total Brethren H.M. . .	311,373	310,870
District missions	73,267	56,783
Non-Brethren	23,783	34,799
Retirement Home. . . .		23,700
Christian education total	233,007	238,393
Grace College and		
Seminary total	142,495	151,406
Operating expenses . . .	112,885	121,367
Building fund	16,446	17,836
Special	11,175	10,224
Christian Education		
Department total	32,990	31,566
Non-Brethren Christian		
education	22,723	15,835
YFC, other	15,043	9,296
Christian Service Brigade	10,143	9,328
Other	25,648	16,938
Publications total	85,514	82,267
BMH offering	27,637	29,294
Radio	50,622	48,580
Special publications . . .	7,196	4,486
Evangelism total	71,505	82,649
Meeting love offerings . .	45,502	54,161
Board of Evangelism . . .	14,211	18,870
Other	14,937	10,180
By auxiliary organizations		
Offerings disbursed for		
others	78,632	70,246
Total for others sent		
by 12/31	1,481,270	1,514,141
Total offerings for others		
held through 12/31 . . .	49,214	81,948

LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES

(Figures to the nearest whole dollar)

	1969	1970
Bible school total	265,042	317,536
Equipment	33,737	72,649
Literature	199,928	211,091
DVBS supplies	29,951	33,559
Building total	2,430,490	2,822,221
New buildings	1,018,770	1,332,370
Improvements	315,429	180,199
Building debt principal		
paid	612,510	750,934
Building debt interest		
paid	469,354	558,148
Christian Day Schools		
Local expenses total . .	1,147,496	1,364,330
Buildings and improve-		
ments	83,992	46,045
Equipment	35,661	28,269
Operating expenses . . .	415,825	531,625
Teachers' salaries	544,694	729,503
Building debt payments	68,621	24,390
Current local expenses		
total	2,545,574	2,892,489
Admin. salaries total . .	1,357,493	1,641,911
Base salaries	1,005,609	1,222,833
Designated housing . . .	157,379	184,726
Estimated parsonage		
rental	78,944	88,232
Allowance for utilities . .	44,183	46,685
Car allowance	73,898	95,758
Conference expense. . . .	33,255	60,475
Other regular salaries . .	430,778	338,275
Operational expenses:		
Utilities, office supplies,		
maintenance, etc. . . .	824,295	894,316

Evangelistic services expense	17,860	20,455
Other and Bible conference expenses	13,372	17,091
Board of Ministerial Relief	9,275	10,735
Youth camps—local expenses total	29,751	43,093
Camp buildings	7,781	15,303
Camp operation	11,216	11,336
Help for campers	9,765	16,453
By auxiliary organizations For their own local expenses	60,789	91,040
Other local expenditures	233,969	222,253
Total local church expenditures	6,739,903	7,409,943
Total expenditures—local and others	8,270,387	8,924,084

SOURCES OF INCOME

(Figures to the nearest whole dollar)

	1969	1970
For local building fund and equipment total	2,596,726	3,219,589
Raised locally	1,530,444	1,793,415
By loans	1,066,365	1,197,289
BHMC appropriation	15,025	11,600
Other (fire insurance, etc.)	35,022	265,779
For pastors' salaries total	1,354,270	1,660,418
Paid by local churches	1,225,256	1,537,772
Paid by district mission board	25,286	30,587
Paid by BHMC	97,379	91,588
By other means	1,077	727

CURRENT CASH ASSETS

End of year total	658,624	782,681
Local funds on hand	609,410	700,733
For other funds on hand locally	49,214	81,948

PROPERTIES AND VALUATIONS

AS OF DECEMBER 31

	1969	1970
Church buildings and lots	23,936,476	25,455,074
Church equipment	2,261,213	2,475,484
Parsonages	1,224,575	1,529,677
Other properties	2,454,913	2,129,066
Other investments	335,293	446,597
Local funds on hand	609,410	782,681
Total assets	30,821,880	32,818,579
Amount owed on church properties	9,402,943	10,385,894
Net worth	21,418,937	22,432,685
Increase in net worth	1,044,419	1,013,648

SERVICE STATISTICS

Attendance

	1969	1970
Morning worship	27,309	28,601
Evening worship	15,535	15,874
Prayer meeting	8,575	8,792
Revival—Evangelistic	10,647	11,285
Bible conferences	4,774	6,596
Missionary conferences	8,588	9,317
Sunday-school conferences	524	516
Communion	13,603	13,784
Other	4,511	7,193
Recorded conversions	3,399	8,923

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH—1970

Number in VBS	2,756
In regular church service	3,185

In Sunday school and children's church	1
Others, homes, etc.	1
TOTAL	8

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

	Enrolled 1970	Att
Bible School		
Staff and teachers	4,149	3
Nursery, 0—3	2,225	1
Kindergarten, 4—5	2,577	1
Primary, 1—3 gr.	4,561	3
Junior, 4—6 gr.	4,725	3
Junior High, 7—9 gr.	3,750	2
Senior High, 10—12 gr.	3,351	2
Young people, 18—24 yrs.	2,091	1
Adults, 25 yrs.—over	12,974	9
Total	40,617	29

Extensions of the Bible School

Cradle roll	999
No. of babies born to parents where one or both are members of the church	
Home department	247
Child Evangelism	2,617
Vacation Bible School pupils	19,656
Number on staff	3,784
Total DVBS	23,512
Number saved	2,756
Summer camps—1970	Enrollment Data

	District	Natio
Directors	44	
Teachers	82	
Counselors	297	
Other workers	172	
Campers	2,695	

Brethren youth work

Fellowship groups	
Preschool	127
Primary	446
Junior	698
Junior High	963
Senior High	1,184
Young people	160
Adults	587
Combination 4, 5, 6	1,371

Girls' work

SMM	
Junior	933
Middler	640
Senior	389
Combination	500
Little Sisters	673
Pioneer Girls	509
Other	42

Boys' work

Battalion	754
Stockade	965
BBC	145
Other	206

Women's Missionary

Council	4,443
Laymen	1,361
Christian Day Schools	
Pupils	3,3
Graduates	3
Teachers	1
Other personnel	1

RELATIONSHIPS AND PERCENTAGES

FINANCIAL (Per Capita)	19
Total annual expenditure	\$2
Total local expenditure	2

al giving for others	48
oreign missions	19
me missions	13
ristian education	7.1
lications	2.5
angelism	2.5
NDANCE (Percent of Membership)	
orning worship	86.5
ening worship	47.7
yer meetings	26.5
ival meetings	36
le Conferences	19.8
mmunions	41.5
issionary conferences	28
essions of faith: 1 for every . .	3.7
membership gain: 1 for every	35.8
	members

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Herman
National Statistician

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Committee on Statistical Review.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL REVIEW

The Committee on Statistical Review corresponded by mail and met this past year to carefully review the current statistical blank. We have received a number of suggestions from pastors and laymen for improvement in the statistical report. Therefore, we are recommending a major revision for the coming year and future years.

The major work was done by Dr. Lloyd Fish, Statistician for the Southeast District the past two years. It is evidence of hours spent in preparation that we trust will be a more practical report for obtaining information because it is itself a better analysis of our Brethren Church. We trust this major revision will ease the work of the statisticians throughout our churches in coming years as well as improving the work of future Statistical Review Committees.

Our work includes more than a review of the statistical report. We also are to analyze and evaluate the statistical report and bring suggestions to this conference. This we have sought to do.

We call your attention to the average attendance for Sunday evening and mid-week services. There is obvious need for concern. These reports indicate the need for more meaningful services and the need for more spiritual maturity on the part of many "missing" Brethren who must be encouraged to see the value of participating in these services.

We are also concerned that 6,648 people were reported as "converted" this past year. Of these, 1,343 entered the baptismal waters, and 1,343 did not enter the waters were not led into membership in 1970. We are grateful to God for the increases, for it is He that giveth the increase. Nevertheless, the rate of "drop-out" is too great for any thinking Christian to overlook. We strongly suspect that too few Christians are involved in a good "follow-up" of these new converts. It is true, as Moderator Tweeddale has stated, that we need to mobilize greater numbers in the body of Christ in the work of winning the lost. But, in addition, we must see greater evangelization of Christians in follow-through effort with the new convert until he is baptized, a

member of the church, serving the Lord, regularly witnessing, and continuously reproducing himself in Christ.

In view of these two suggestions we would recommend that all boards, committees, and auxiliaries of the Brethren Church engage themselves, wherever possible, with these basic problems and seek to help the established and new churches to build this broader and stronger base upon which we must operate if the goals of our various agencies are to be met. Although all the boards should be concerned, we believe the Christian Education Board, and the Board of Evangelism would be the most logical ones to give serious study, make recommendations, and give implementation via emphasis, programs and/or workshops. This, we believe, would help to reverse present trends. Brethren, we need concentration on these matters now. Let us give attention before these problems become major crises to our Fellowship.

(3) We also call attention to the slight gain in per capita giving, amounting to a 4.6% gain over 1969. At the current rate of inflation, somewhere around 7%, we are not really increasing our giving to the Brethren Church and its missionary agencies.

(4) Finally, we wish to record our gratitude to God and His church, embodied in the NFBC for a year of progress and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley Haller, chm.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Committee on Committees. (See pages 2, 3, and 4.) Recommendation: Due to the lack of purpose for and function of the Committee on Conference Minutes, and the appointment of a committee to edit the tape-recorded minutes of the business sessions, the Committee on Committees recommends to conference that the Committee on Conference Minutes be discontinued.

A motion was made to adopt the report of the Executive Committee that the 1972, 83rd Conference of the NFBC meet in Winona Lake on August 4-11, Friday through Friday.

A substitute motion was made that the 83rd Conference of the NFBC meet in Winona Lake, August 11-18, 1972.

A motion prevailed that the preceding motion be referred back to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

A motion prevailed that the 1975 Annual Conference of the NFBC be held at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, beginning the first Friday in August through the following Friday evening.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Christian Education Department.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 1970-71

As I bring you this annual report of the Christian Education Department for the year August 1, 1970, to July 31, 1971, I rejoice with you that in the providence of God, He has permitted us to serve in the area of Christian Education for another year. With the Apostle Paul, I would say, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3).

This year has been one filled with blessing and joy unspeakable. Many things have caused us to rejoice, as we have seen the hand of God in blessing. Likewise, there were times of disappointments, which we, too, thank God for, because they have served to keep us the more dependent upon Him.

As most of you know, our department is charged with the responsibility of assisting, encouraging, and helping develop programs, plans, curriculum—all of which to assist our local churches in the areas of Sunday school, youth work, boys clubs, SMM, children's church, district and national camps for youth, and all other agencies that have a part in the Christian education of men and women, boys and girls, and youth. This of course, likewise, involves the Christian Day School.

At the beginning of the year, Rev. Mert Lambert left the work of our department to assume the duties of Christian Education Director at the First Brethren Church, Whittier, California. Although the loss was keenly felt in our office, we rejoice with him in what is being accomplished in this local church. Because of his resignation, additional responsibilities fell on our own shoulders. But it was a joy to continue to prepare materials for both of our publications, *Succeed* and *Accent*, and to carry the responsibility of our TIME program and the Brethren Student Life Volunteers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Once again, in the area of our Sunday schools we are happy to report that they have continued to be a vital part of the growth of our Brethren Church. The national statistician has already reported to this conference. I shall not repeat that which he has given, but invite you to study again the record of our Sunday schools. Our board has been given a very thorough study of this, with two exhibits. The first, a picture by districts, showing number of churches, those gaining in average attendance and those showing losses, or remaining static—that is neither gain nor loss. The summation of the report showed a total of 230 schools reporting, with 110 of them showing a gain, while 106 schools showed losses for the year. There were 8 schools that remained static, and 6 schools reported this year for the first time. After all the figures were in, we had a net gain of 253 persons in Sunday schools. This of course reflects within it, the fact that we lost statistically, Patterson Park church, which meant a loss of 283 over the previous year.

The second exhibit was that of the size of our schools. As indicated above, 230 schools reported, and in the breakdown by size, we observed that the average school in our Fellowship

has an attendance of 131. However, of the number of schools reporting, we have 47 schools or 20.43% in the category of 49 persons or below. The 70 additional schools reporting representing 30.43% of the total are in the category 50-99. This means that 51% of our total schools average 99 persons or below. Add to this schools that show 100-149 in attendance, and discover that 71% of our schools average below 150 persons. We find 149 of our schools are below the average of 131 persons.

As the year comes to a conclusion, I am convinced that we are on the verge of a Sunday school revival in our nation. Leaders in political, economic and educational fields are all crying a moral and spiritual awakening. In the August issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, there is an article entitled "END OF THE YOUTH REVOLT." They call our attention to the fact that "other youths having sampled a utopia of dissensual freedom, and 'doing your own thing,' 'turning on' to old-fashioned religion, enjoy a phenomenal and perhaps overblown growth." The 'Jesus People' movement in which young people, often in 'hippie garb,' preach salvation in tongues, and espouse strict moralism. President Nixon in his recent message in Congress called on Americans everywhere to see the need for a moral and spiritual revival. I am sure the Sunday school will play a vital role in this recovery. Thousands of Sunday-school leaders and workers will continue to teach the Word of God to many thousands, and lives will be changed. I am again urging our pastors and people to increase the emphasis upon Sunday school in our own Fellowship of churches. Thank God for a Fellowship that has from its very beginning laid emphasis upon the educational agencies, including the Sunday school. Beginning with every delegate to this conference, I urge that we go back to our churches fired with a new desire to see every Sunday school in the Brethren Church grow to new heights in this coming year.

TRAINING HOUR: Because of many changes in the format of the training hour, we have not attempted this year to formulate any statistics concerning our training-hour program. A new emphasis is being placed by many churches upon various phases of the work, involving special study classes on "witnessing," "visitation," and youth teams going to various outreach programs involving weeks at mission points, tract distribution, and so forth. My chief concern is that we again involve our local churches in defining "TRAINING PROGRAMS" that will prepare them for leadership. As I listened to a pastor give brief instruction to a group of persons that he came forward at the invitation, he said, "Be sure to read your Bibles daily." Now, he was right, saying it, but my question became this, "How shall they know what to read with so much within its pages, and so little instruction?" Brethren, we must not neglect the training of our youth the Word of God.

TIME: Again this year, with cooperation from both Home and Foreign Missions, we have been enabled to send a number of our youth to serve under our TIME program. One is in Africa,

served in Brazil, and 2 in France. One young has just returned from Mexico City where he has his summer. Two others were at the Mexican border in a ministry with the Haags, while additional ones served in Navajoland. Three already working at preparation to go to Antina during their summer, next January high March. This program is growing, and its demands are increasing as to amounts of involvement in our office detail. We rejoice with youth at all that is being accomplished.

RETHERN STUDENT LIFE VOLUNTEERS: This program, revitalized several years ago by our department, is beginning to bring forth rich fruit. It is devised primarily to keep in touch with young people who have made decisions at the local level to enter full-time Christian service, although not limited to this. I wish I could share letters that come to us almost daily, the opportunities that our department has in contact with these young people. Every thought ought to follow up, and have its decisions in with this program.

MINISTRATION: It has been our joy once again during this year to travel among the churches and districts in the ministry of Christian education. This has given opportunity to meet with our pastors and leaders in their local environment, for which we give God the praise. As I conclude this brief report, let me simply state that these 18 years have been very wonderful for us. I shall long cherish the memory of each of them. This will be my last official report as director of the department, but it will not cease my prayers and interest in the work of Christian Education in our beloved church.

I want to say thank you publicly to my board for the labors of the years. To all who shared so generously in the program of last Sunday. For the thoughts, words and gifts given to Mrs. Etling at that moment. Each of these will remind us constantly of you and our churches.

We have a tremendous program going this year with more than 450 young people in our summer conference, and more than 200 in the day-care program. I commend to you the new pastor, Rev. Howard Mayes, as he picks up and goes ahead in greater fashion than I have been able to do.

Thank God for everything that has been accomplished, and pray His continuing blessing on us as we labor together in days that lie ahead.

Our financial statement is included in your report. Our books have been audited and the report of commendation of the auditor is in our report.

Sincerely, prayerfully and thankfully,
Harold H. Etling, director

STATEMENT OF OPERATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT For year ending December 31, 1970

Income:	
Church offerings	\$ 33,257.27
Consideration	1,950.84
Honorarium—H.H.E.	822.18
Honorarium—M.A.L.	142.17

Special offering:	
BSLV	\$ 38.00
Accent Appeal	3.00
Quiz Team	
Trip	1,076.62
WMC	
Offering	1,476.20
TIME	11,263.82
	13,857.64

Supply sales materials . . \$16,398.96

Less:
Materials cost
\$14,361.69

Less:
Materials
postage + 253.57

-14,615.26

Filmstrip rental	1,783.70
303.00	
Convention offering	777.40
Youth conference	19,215.55
Total income	\$ 73,807.13

EXPENSES:

Office salaries	\$ 29,932.08
Office postage	1,332.56
Office supplies	1,006.77
Office expense	490.70
Rent	1,590.00
Telephone	780.07
Administrative expense	2,166.98
Social Security	714.10
Promotion	275.91
Miscellaneous expense	698.12
Hospitalization	1,215.43
Depreciation	1,790.28
Insurance—office	146.00
Equipment, maintenance and repair	776.75
Travel—H.H.E.	1,874.05
Travel—M.A.L.	645.74
Publications	3,301.25
Convention expense	193.68
Honorarium—C. E. Conference	105.00
Speakers—meals & rooms	16.58
Trophies	480.06
Staff conference expense	52.98
National Achievement Competition	14.39
Youth conference expense	15,658.42
Quiz team expense	1,018.00
TIME	10,638.22
Retirement expense for Bobbette Osborn	67.00
Membership fee	520.00
Travel—others:	
Bobbette Osborn	9.28
Howard Mayes	28.40
Total expenses	\$ 77,538.80

Expenses over income 3,731.67

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT December 31, 1970

ASSETS:

Cash	\$3,532.86
Petty cash19
Restricted fund—BIF	1,646.80
Restricted fund—Salary reserve	1,050.00
Retirement fund	1,481.99
Quiz team & TIME fund	1,134.14
Total cash	\$ 8,845.98
Accounts receivable	1,733.36

Less: reserve for bad debts	- 296.52	
Office equipment	19,011.29	1,436.84
Less: equity for other boards	180.00	
Less: reserve for depreci- ation of office equipment <u>13,534.89</u>		
	13,714.89	5,296.40
Filmstrips	3,344.28	
Less: reserve for depreciation of filmstrips	- 1,400.00	
		1,944.28
Inventory		7,010.86
Total assets		\$24,534.36
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		
Accounts payable . . .	\$ 4,318.85	
Accrued taxes payable .	309.35	
Total	\$ 4,628.20	
Net worth 23,637.83		
Expenses over income	3,731.67	
	<u>19,906.16</u>	
Total net worth and liabilities		\$24,534.36

A motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned.

THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 11

The third business session was called to order by Moderator, William Tweeddale.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the Membership Committee, reporting 481 lay delegates and 261 ministerial delegates, making a third-day total of 742. These delegates were seated.

Gerald Polman of the Rules and Organization Committee, announced the complete results of the election:

Moderator: Robert Collitt

Vice Moderator: Wayne Beaver

Secretary: Clyde Landrum

Assistant Secretary: Jerry Young

Treasurer: Dean Risser

Statistician: Harold Etling

Committee on Committees: Charles Ashman, Richard Grant, L. L. Grubb

A motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Board of Evangelism:

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971

The listing below includes offerings from crusade meetings, soul-winning conferences and laymen's groups. The asterisk indicates where meetings were held.

Balance on hand July 1, 1970.....\$ 2,092.94

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

*Aleppo, Pa. \$ 441.71

*Coolville, Ohio 120.75

Cumberland, Md.

Meyersdale, Pa.

*Parkersburg, W. Va. 2

Stoystown, Pa. 1

Summit Mills, Pa.

Washington, Pa.

Westernport, Md.

Allegheny District

Total \$ 1,2

EAST DISTRICT

Altoona, Grace \$

Conemaugh 2

Johnstown, First 1

Leamersville 1

Martinsburg

North Buffalo

Singer Hill

Total \$ 6

FLORIDA DISTRICT

*Fort Lauderdale \$ 8

Margate

Pompano Beach

Total \$ 8

INDIANA DISTRICT

*Berne \$ 4

Elkhart 1

Flora 4

*Fort Wayne, First 1

Fort Wayne, Grace

Goshen

Indianapolis

Kokomo 1

Leesburg 1

Peru

Sidney

South Bend

Warsaw

*Winona Lake 1,0

District Youth Com.

Total \$ 2,8

IOWA DISTRICT

Dallas Center \$

Davenport 1

*Des Moines

Garwin

Omaha, Neb.

Waterloo

Total \$ 2

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto \$ 5

Hastings

Lake Odessa

Lansing

*New Troy 2

Total \$ 7

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

*Hagerstown, Md., Gay St. \$ 2

Hagerstown, Md., Grace 5

Hanover, Pa.

*Martinsburg, W. Va. 6

Wash. D.C., First 1

Wash. D.C., Grace 6

*Waynesboro, Pa.

Total \$ 2,2

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Arvada, Colo. \$

Denver, Colo.

*Portis, Kan. 4

Total \$ 5

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Elizabethtown \$

Harrisburg 4

Manheim

verstown	150.00
w Holland	207.86
myra	237.00
ila., First	148.00
ford	100.00
ghtsville	37.00
rk	219.25
Total	\$ 1,673.86

SOUTHERN CALIF. DISTRICT	
cramento	\$ 2.40
Total	\$ 2.40

CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT	
kenytown	\$ 251.25
hland, Grace	500.00
hland, Southview	382.50
umbus	980.75
nville	20.00
ndlay	89.00
emont, Grace	80.50
lion	2.00
xington	90.00
nsfield, Grace	255.00
nsfield, Woodville	243.00
Total	\$ 2,894.00

EASTERN OHIO DISTRICT	
ron, Fairlawn	\$ 64.00
ron, First	233.40
rberton	93.05
nton	5.00
eveland	186.11
yahoga Falls	33.00
ria	19.00
ermville	456.00
ddlebranch	43.00
erva	123.24
erling	39.75
oster	642.95
Total	\$ 1,938.50

WEST DISTRICT	
averton, Oreg.	\$ 16.00
andview, Wash.	251.83
nai, Alaska	53.25
nt, Wash.	6.00
hton, Wash.	17.00
rtland, Oreg.	107.81
chland, Wash.	1.50
okane, Wash.	192.37
nnyside, Wash.	121.42
ppenish, Wash.	175.00
kima, Wash.	35.65
Total	\$ 977.83

EAST DISTRICT	
anta, Ga.	\$ 16.00
ena Vista, Va.	97.99
vington, Va.	786.78
llins, Va.	180.26
dford, Va.	5.00
anoke, Va., Clearbrook	7.00
anoke, Va. Garden City	272.00
anoke, Va. Ghent	380.87
anoke, Va., Washington Hgts.	21.00
ford, Tenn.	18.71
rginia Beach, Va.	35.00
mp-tuk-a-Way	140.00
Total	\$ 1,960.61

SOUTHERN CALIF.-ARIZ. DISTRICT	
ahheim	\$ 20.00
baumont	42.65
lflower	157.00
endale	30.00
Verne	6.00
ng Beach, Community	77.42
ng Beach, First	144.85
s Angeles	78.00

Montclair	66.25
*Norwalk	168.25
Orange	111.05
Phoenix, Ariz., Grace	390.00
Phoenix, Ariz., Northwest	47.78
Rialto	130.39
Ripon	1.00
San Diego	5.00
Santa Barbara	37.83
Simi	10.00
Temple City	5.00
Whittier	44.85
Total	\$ 1,573.32

SOUTHERN OHIO	
*Brookville	\$ 454.83
Clayton	124.50
Dayton, Basore Rd.	53.25
Dayton, First	577.95
Dayton, Huber Hgts.	5.00
Dayton, N. Riverdale	237.50
Englewood	50.00
Kettering	41.15
Troy	29.50
Union Community	17.00
West Alexandria	360.00
District Youth Com.	100.00
Total	\$ 2,050.68

TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS . . \$22,499.72

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	
Individual donors	\$ 170.80
Waimalu, Hawaii	30.00
Non-Brethren Churches	279.00
United Parcel refund	18.26
Total	\$ 498.06

TOTAL RECEIPTS
July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971 . . \$22,997.78

INTEREST ON \$1,000.00 in Brethren Investment Foundation (thru April '71)	
	\$ 274.51

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries (Allen Herr and Tom Michaels)	\$ 9,390.00
Travel expenses (Herr)	4,925.00
Insurance (Herr)	344.00
Secretarial help	133.00
Office expenses	722.98
Brethren Missionary Herald Co.	
—printing	1,004.64
E. P. Dunbar-insurance	17.00
Board members travel	1,248.51
Amsterdam Corporation—calendars	143.99
Business Envelope Company	123.94
Parcel Delivery Service	29.78
Dixie Press—receipt cards	8.65
J. Eckel—bulletin art work	25.00
Misc. (P.O. Box, postage, bank charges, etc.)	31.71
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,148.20

Balance on hand July 1, 1971 . . \$ 7,217.03

REPORT OF THE MINISTRIES OF THE EVANGELIST

July 1, 1970—June 30, 1971
Number of crusade meetings conducted—27
Total public decisions—806
For salvation—152
For rededication—616
Other—38
Average attendadnce in crusade meetings—94
Total offerings from crusade meetings—\$7,536.00
Average offering for crusade meetings—\$ 279.00

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

This board was created by this conference in the year of 1947. It was born of necessity in those early years of the NFBC.

It has been assigned the responsibility of being ready when called upon by the action of any district ministerial group to give assistance to any minister in that district, or his family in a time of emergency.

This board was to also provide pensions for ministers who having served the Brotherhood until they reached the age of retirement and who have themselves elected to be a part of the program by contributing to it in their pastoral years at the rate of 1 percent of their annual salary. It likewise includes widows of ministers who had been eligible and who have declared a personal need.

Another function of the board has been to arrange a group life insurance program for ministers.

At the present twenty-seven monthly pension checks are being written which total \$1,813.55 per month. Seven of these go to widows. It is expected that two other pensions will be in-

cluded in this number before the end of 197

This program of the National Fellowship Brethren Churches is made possible by churches who contribute to the program at a rate of 3 percent of what they pay their past pastors. This participation is not for the current pastor, but for the total program of church and enables us to mutually care for individuals who have served so faithfully church body.

During this past year, the board has been encouraged because ten additional churches entered the program. These are to be mended. Your board urges each church to pr fully consider this matter as what we belie your Christian responsibility and privilege.

The ministry of the board could be far more effective if it enjoyed the full participation every Brethren church. In fact it is very possible the board may be forced to reduce the size these pension checks unless a larger percentage of the churches decide to participate in this program of the conference.

Your board will gladly supply information any church individually or any district conference who will request it.

Our elected officers for the coming year

Gerald Polman, chm.

W. Carl Miller, vice chm.

William Schaffer, secy.-treas.

Clair Brickel, asst. secy.-treas.

Sincerely,
Phillip J. Simmons, ch

THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES, INC.

Combined Fund Balance Sheet, December 31, 1970
(Prepared from the records without audit)

	ASSETS			
	Total	Ministers Fund	Emergency Fund	Retirement Fund
Cash in bank	\$ 2,213	\$ 5,777	\$ 2,749	\$ (6,3
Notes receivable (Brethren Investment Foundation)	42,290	10,800	8,490	23,0
Office equipment	51	17	17	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 44,544	\$ 16,594	\$ 11,256	\$ 16,7

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Fund balances (Exhibit "B")	\$ 44,554	\$ 16,594	\$ 11,256	\$ 16,7
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ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended December 31, 1970

(Prepared from the records without audit)

Fund balance available Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 19,372	\$ 10,127	\$ 20,8
Revenues (Exhibit "C")	5,909	2,365	11,5
TOTAL	\$ 25,281	\$ 12,492	\$ 32,4
Expenditures (Exhibit "C")	8,487	1,536	15,6
TOTAL	\$ 8,487	\$ 1,536	\$ 15,6
Inter-Fund transfers	\$ (200)	\$ 300	\$ (10
Fund balance available December 31, 1970 (Exhibit "A")	\$ 16,594	\$ 11,256	\$ 16,7

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 1970

(Prepared from the records without audit)

CASH RECEIPTS

Contributions	\$ 17,451	\$ 5,358	\$ 1,840	\$ 10,25
Interest	2,231	551	425	1,25
Expense recovery	133		100	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$ 19,815	\$ 5,909	\$ 2,365	\$ 11,54

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Withdrawals from fund	\$ 6,048	\$ 5,226	\$ 822	
Retirement payments	15,386			15,386
Ministers life premiums	3,261	3,261		
Office and administrative	3		2	1
Printing	20		15	5
Travel expense	20		15	5
Accounting	175		131	44
Honorarium	250		187	63
Secretary service	361		271	90
Surety bond	51		38	13
Telephone and postage	73		55	18
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 25,648	\$ 8,487	\$ 1,536	\$ 15,625
Less of cash disbursements over				
Cash receipts	\$(5,833)	\$(2,578)	\$ 829	\$ (4,084)
Transfer from savings	6,200	4,200		2,000
Transfer between funds		(200)	300	(100)
Balance January 1, 1970	<u>1,846</u>	<u>4,355</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>(4,129)</u>
Balance December 31, 1970				
Exhibit "A")	\$ 2,213	\$ 5,777	\$ 2,749	\$ (6,313)

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on Christian Ministry:

We believe the doctrinal framework of the Brethren Church to be solid. We are thankful for the wholehearted teaching of the Bible by our pastors. We praise the Lord for the fellowship He has given us although it is our observation that we are not growing in proportion to our potential.

We see a refreshing development in the attitude of genuine concern for Biblical truth as men reach out the very foundations of our beliefs and practices.

We notice a growing concern among all members of our Fellowship that we might define our experience *success* in all of our local churches. We affirm that that church is *successful* in the greatest measure of its energies are uniquely engaged in implementing the great mission.

Because we feel these are overlapping purposes mutual to this committee and the Committee on Spiritual State of Churches we recommend this committee be abolished and the responsibilities be delegated to the Committee on Spiritual State of Churches."

L. L. Myers, Indiana
 Ron Graff, Southern Calif.-Ariz.
 Jim Custer, Northcentral Ohio
 Luke Kauffman, Northern Atlantic
 Ron Farner, Jr., Northwest
 Ron Thompson, Southeast
 Bob Whited, Nor-Cal
 Dick Funderburg, Allegheny
 William Tweeddale, Moderator
 Gerald Polman, Southern Ohio & Secretary

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the Chaplains' Endorsing Agent.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAINS' ENDORSING AGENT

The past year has been one of change for most of our eight Brethren chaplains. All except one have changed to a different base in the past twelve months. Three of the U.S. Army Chap-

lains (Burris, Schumacher and Bearinger) returned from Viet Nam and began ministries in new areas. Two other of the Army Chaplains (Jones and Lindberg) were assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, following their return home with their families from Germany. Chaplain Burton Hatch moved from Fort Sheridan to Fort Rucker, Alabama, and U.S. Navy Chaplain James Dickson took up a new work at Corpus Christi, Texas. U.S. Air Force Chaplain Carlton J. Fuller remained at his base in Puerto Rico and continues on there to the present.

Interesting and worthwhile reports have come from most of the men, and in several cases a testimony of souls saved has been given. For all of these things we have real reason for rejoicing and praising the Lord.

All of the chaplains are encouraged with the outlook for the future. In talking and corresponding with the men I hear of good ideas and plans. While souls have been saved thus far, there is assurance that even more can be won in the immediate future.

Our total number of chaplains remains at eight—one in the U.S. Air Force, one in the U.S. Navy, and six in the U.S. Army. In view of our low denominational membership, we are very fortunate to have this number in service.

From time to time I try to visit each chaplain on his base. In the next few months of this year I am hoping to visit at least two of our men on their bases. From past experience I find that such visits are productive both for the chaplains and the endorsing agent. As your denominational worker with the chaplains I desire to learn of their work and to assure them of your moral support and encouragement. It is gratifying to know that we need not do anything toward their financial support.

It is wonderful to have Chaplains Schumacher and Bearinger with us at *this* national conference. They thrilled our hearts with their testimonies on Sunday evening. Be sure to meet and talk with these men, and assure them of our united prayers for them.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Clyde K. Landrum,
 Endorsing Agent

A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Finance Committee.

1971 TREASURER'S REPORT
July 20, 1970 — July 20, 1971

INCOME

OFFERINGS

Sunday evening 8-9-70	\$ 2,511.67
Monday evening 8-10-70	262.60
Tuesday evening 8-11-70	367.81
Wednesday evening 8-12-70	373.47
Thursday evening 8-13-70	
(Bauman Memorial)	490.95
(Whitcomb)	257.74
Friday evening 8-14-70	934.62
Total offerings	\$ 5,198.86

CREDENTIAL FEES

7-22-70	\$ 2,720.76
7-28-70	1,092.30
8-12-70	5,146.30
8-14-70	163.80
8-21-70	62.10
8-28-70	37.50
11-23-70	62.08
12- 7-70	113.50
12-20-70	57.40
12-23-70	134.40
1- 1-71	27.90
2-11-71	38.10
Total credential fees	\$ 9,656.14

MISCELLANEOUS

Bumper stickers 7-22-70	\$ 20.05
Bumper stickers 7-28-70	4.00
Bumper stickers 8-21-70	5.40
Designated gifts 8-21-70	15.00
B.I.F. interest gain 7-6-71	28.00
Stalemate check No. 900	5.00
Total miscellaneous	\$ 77.45
Total income all sources	\$14,932.45
Balance on hand July 20, 1970	49.80
TOTAL	\$14,982.25

EXPENSES

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Credential forms	\$ 137.42
Bellflower Brethren Church—	
Committee expense	27.55
Arlene Hollingsworth—help	26.25
	\$ 191.22

CONFERENCE PROMOTION

Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Letterheads & env.	\$ 126.01
Bumper stickers	35.15
Community Brethren Church—	
Programs	292.11
Twin R Trophy & Lettering—	
Art work	16.75
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Conference packets	1,188.48
John Sweemer & Assoc.—	
Publicity	117.65
Christian Education Dept.—	
Packets	4.63
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Annual space	2,993.65
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Letterheads	33.75
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Letterheads	30.25
	\$ 4,838.43

STATISTICAL REPORT

Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Committee reports	\$ 36.00
Ken Herman—statistician	65.00

Bartel Printing—	
Printing reports	
Bartel Printing—	
Printing reports	
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Questionnaire, blanks	
Christian Education Dept.—	
Mimeographing	
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Expense	\$ 3

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Harlan Ohlgrien	\$
Mildred McLaughlin	
Eva Clanton	
George Martin	
Bill McDowell	
Chauncy Sheldon	
Curtis Boswell	
Rosmarie Hendricks	
Carol Robinson	
Debra Charon	
Ann Bloomquist	
Sandy Mosley	
Mark Andrews	\$ 1

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jesse Deloe—	
Executive secretary	\$ 1
Community Brethren Church,	
Whittier—phone	
Rev. P. F. Fogle—phone	\$ 1

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Clyde Landrum—honorarium	\$
Brethren Missionary Herald—	
Secretarial help	1
Clyde Landrum—postage	\$ 1

BRETHREN RETIREMENT HOME

Wayne Smith, treasurer—	
Advance	\$ 5

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Richard DeHaan—honorarium	\$ 1
Donald Carter—honorarium	
George Horne—honorarium	
Wesley Haller—honorarium	1
Ward Miller—honorarium	
Robert Thompson—honorarium	
Edwin Cashman—honorarium	
Charles Ashman—honorarium	
Jesse Deloe—honorarium	
Nathan Meyer—honorarium	
Richard DeHaan—expense	\$ 8

CONFERENCE MUSIC

Norman Nelson	\$
Grace Crusaders	
Sound Faith Singers	
Notes of Faith Trio	
Clara Johnson	
Dorothy Kane	
Ronald Soderwall	1
Dorothy Kane	
Wilbur Snively	\$ 4

SPECIAL OFFERINGS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Christian Education Dept.—	
Youth	\$ 9
Grace Schools—	
Bauman Memorial	4
John C. Whitcomb—	
Special gift	2
	\$ 1,6

D CARE PROGRAM	
ara Course	\$ 282.87
th Long Beach	165.36
g Beach First	24.00
th Long Beach—	
us expense	75.00
	<u>\$ 547.23</u>

E RELATIONS COMMITTEE	
ard M. Cron—postage	\$ 18.00
ERENCE SECRETARIAL	
ERVICE	
t Brethren Church, Whittier	\$ 14.00
th Riverdale Brethren Church	91.87
ma Shamberger	50.00
de Landrum	15.67
ilyn Vnasdale	25.00
thren Home Missions	23.45
on Brethren Church	25.35
istian Education Dept.	51.16
e Koontz	148.80
	<u>\$ 445.30</u>

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t Brethren Church,	
ong Beach	\$ 1,000.00
ific Terrace Center	478.70
t Brethren Church,	
ong Beach	1,500.00
	<u>\$ 2,978.70</u>

ELLANEOUS	
thren Missionary Herald—	
allots, etc.	\$ 148.55
istian Education Dept.—	
ndorsing agent report	5.91
rey Boaz—offering baskets	28.78
thren Missionary Herald—	
ayer & Praise	22.72
ce Brethren Church, Lansing—	
edential refund	27.60
thren Missionary Herald—	
ayer & Praise, etc.	24.67
ol Robinson—stalemate check	
lacement	5.00
ional Council of Churches	
f Christ—1971 yearbook	9.33
thren Missionary Herald—	
ayer & Praise	17.65
	<u>\$ 290.21</u>
total expenses	<u>\$13,590.83</u>
income for year	
nding 7-20-71	\$14,982.25
expenses for year	
nding 7-20-71	13,590.83
ance on hand 7-20-71	<u>\$ 1,391.42</u>

B. I. F. ACCOUNTING	
sited 1-19-71	\$ 1,200.00
st earned	28.00
	<u>\$ 1,228.00</u>
rawn 7-6-71	<u>\$ 1,228.00</u>
balance on July 20, 1971	

breakdown totals do not reflect accurate
s due to grouping of various items in single
ments.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Salazar, treasurer

motion prevailed to bring the matter
e 1972 national conference date back
e floor.

ne Executive Committee secretary re-
ed that after study they decided that
1972 national conference of the NFBC
d be held August 4-11, 1972.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report
of the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed that we amend the
agenda to include items of business sched-
uled for Thursday, August 12, in today's
business session.

A motion prevailed to correct the name
of the campaign in the C.A.R. in the Reso-
lutions Committee Report from "New Life
Campaign" as printed in paragraph 6 to
"Life in Christ Campaign."

A motion prevailed to adopt the follow-
ing report of the Resolutions Committee as
corrected:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE 82nd NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NFBC

Recognizing the great privileges and heavy
responsibilities which are an integral part of the
life of the Christian, we, the duly authorized
delegates of this 82nd Annual Conference of the
Brethren Church, now known as the National
Fellowship of Brethren Churches, do hereby
make the following resolutions.

1. Resolved: that we do all in our power to
make the conference theme, "I'VE FOUND
THE ANSWER," an easily recognizable
truth in the personal lives and testimonies of
our people.
2. Resolved: that we reaffirm total acceptance
of our Statement of Faith, and that we in-
tensify our efforts to proclaim its message
throughout the world.
3. Resolved: that we confirm our belief in the
local church as the instrument of God's
choosing for the strengthening of believers
and the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus
Christ, and that we deplore current trends
toward independence in thought and action
which would fragmentize the local church
and divert it from its vital ministries.
4. Resolved: that we recognize and commend
the efforts of those pastors and churches
who are aiding their members to discover
and put to use their spiritual gifts, in an
effort to bring to reality the truth that we
are "members of one another"; we urge all
our churches to give this matter priority in
the coming year.
5. Resolved: that we renew our historic stand
against all the attempts of Satan to weaken
the church from within and without
through attacks on the relevancy of the
local church, weakening of our stand on
separation from the world, lack of mani-
festation of love toward one another,
atheism, agnosticism, communism, and
materialism.
6. Resolved: that we commend the current em-
phasis in soul winning and personal evange-
lism both at home and abroad, as exem-
plified by the ministries of Ron Picard with
B.H.M.C., and the "Life in Christ Cam-

paign" in the C.A.R., and that we urge each local church to increase its efforts in this phase of the Christian ministry in the year ahead.

7. Resolved: that we acknowledge our responsibility to all believers of "like precious faith" to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3), but that we not allow this responsibility to dilute our loyalty to the teaching of God's Word as we understand and teach it in the Brethren Church, nor draw us into non-Biblical ecumenism as advocated by the National and World Councils of Churches.
8. Resolved: that we actively follow the admonition of Paul to pray for all those who are in authority, but that we recognize the many failures of government to stand for clear principles of the Word of God, and that we acknowledge the distinction between being "good citizens" on one hand, and offering blanket approval of all governmental procedures on the other.
9. Resolved: that we commend the youth of our nation who are seeking to live a godly life in the midst of a "perverse generation," endeavoring to find the basis of the separated life in the unchanging Word of God, but that we recognize the tendency of some nominally Christ-centered movements to overemphasize experience and feeling to the neglect of revealed truth, and that we counsel our youth to be aware of and shun such movements and trends.
10. Resolved: that we register our concern for the continued prevalence of lawlessness, violence, crime, racism, and breakdown in law enforcement, and that we make every effort to present a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as the only solution to the problems of our society.
11. Resolved: that we commend the men of our Fellowship for their step of faith in assuming the support of Mr. Ed Jackson as the first Executive Secretary of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men, and that we express our appreciation to this organization for the increased emphasis on "faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Edwin E. Cashman, chm.

A motion prevailed that copies of the Resolutions Committee report be made and given to the pastors to distribute in the churches.

A motion prevailed to adopt the verbal report of the Committee on Spiritual State of the Churches.

A motion prevailed to divide the question to vote separately on the report and recommendations of the Race Relations Committee.

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Race Relations Committee.

"We, the members of the Race Relations Committee recommend the acceptance of the recommendations in the report including the dissolution of the Race Relations Committee." This recommendation was adopted by vote of the conference.

REPORT OF THE RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Race Relations Committee.

The committee has met three times for purpose of finding what is being done in NFBC toward reaching racial minorities with good news of salvation in Christ. The committee sent out a questionnaire in May that asked questions intended to identify the type of racial action in which each church was located, the attitude of that church in the area of racial prejudice, what effort each church was making. Approximately 125 reports were returned to the committee. In addition, a form was sent to Grace College, asking for their efforts in preparing racial minorities for Christian service, their policy with respect to racial minorities and the general attitude of the school. Each ministerium in the country was asked to form sub-committees with the purpose of exploring ways and means of reaching the minorities with the Gospel. Home Missions Council was also sent a questionnaire. We did not question the Foreign Missions Board, as their position in this matter is obvious.

Let us begin with a consensus of opinion gleaned from all the reports. We asked if pastor or church was involved in any program, the main objective of which was to reach racial minorities. The answer generally was negative. Many mistook the inclusion of minorities in general outreach as fulfilling this requirement. Others thought their connection with the Foreign Missionary Society was good enough. We do have two areas with a gospel broadcast being sent to the Spanish speaking in Toppenish, Washington; and Taos, New Mexico. One of our past teachers in a Black training institute called "World Christian Training Center." Nearly all pastors responded that racial minorities of all background would be accepted in their church. As to intermarriage between the racial minorities and whites, over two-thirds were opposed. Some had not faced the issue and a few only required that both parties in the marriage be Christian. One suggestion was made that the Christian Education Department produce a quarterly tract that covers the entire area of race. In this connection the paper produced by Dr. Hocking was suggested as providing an excellent basis. It was presented in 1970 to the Southern Calif.-Ariz. District Ministerium. The validity of the idea seemed to be borne out by the fact that nearly all pastors answered yes to the question, "Do you seek to educate your people toward a reasonable and nonprejudicial approach to the race problem in this country?" There seems to be basic agreement as to whether the Bible teaches racial separation. Many men emphasized that "God

respector of persons," while others emphasized that "all men are created equal." of the letters sent to district ministeriums two responded. There was a distinct division of opinion. The Northcentral Ohio District submitted the following motion from their minister.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that: Race is no problem in our district. Each church is working out its own problems. Furthermore, the Committee on Race Relations on the national level should be dissolved immediately."

A note came from the Southern Calif.-Ariz. District suggesting, "abolition of the fact-finding committee and formation of an action group to stimulate action in churches, etc."

Grace College and Seminary reported that in the past five years eight students of mixed racial and minority background have graduated from the seminary and two from the college.

The Home Missions Council reported that: "More and more home-mission pastors are reporting that they are reaching people for Christ in the military ranks. Rev. Michael Funderberg, at Aberdeen, Maryland, has reached several families. We'll have our first colored young man from Lansing, Michigan, at Grace College this fall. I believe we are making progress in this area."

The Race Relations Committee recommends: "That the 1971 NFBC conference dissolve the Race Relations Committee with the acceptance of this report. (2) that the churches continue in their efforts to reach the lost in the ranks of the military and (3) that this report be accepted as final."

Richard Cron, chm.

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Selective Service Committee, as follows:

Both in 1970 and 1971 this committee endeavored to secure material on pertinent subjects in the general area of military service.

This year we have the following suggestions which we commend to our brethren constituency:

1. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION AS BASED ON A MERELY PERSONAL MORAL CODE"
(Chaplain John W. Schumacher)

STATEMENT:

It should be understood that the statements made in this report are personal views and experiences and do not necessarily reflect any official policy of the Chaplain's Branch of the United States Army.

BACKGROUND:

Army Regulation 635-20, effective 15 August 1969, deals with Conscientious Objection regarding a man being separated from service or being required to enter military service on religious grounds. This regulation carries an addition to the previous stated policy of the Department

of the Army. It is a reflection of the ruling of the Supreme Court that purely moral grounds, without any religious connections, can serve as a valid basis for Conscientious Objection as well as those claims made on religious grounds.

The scope of the regulation (AR 635-20) bears a closer look if we are to fully understand the complexities that now arise from interpreting the regulation.

Under section 3, par. b. allows for a man to have feelings, contacts, experiences, etc., that can at some later time (after induction) culminate in his conclusion that he has become a bona fide C.O. The Regulation also says, however, that if the conviction was formulated prior to induction, but not claimed before the "Selective Service Board" that it will not be favorably considered. The conclusion is that feelings may be held prior to military service, but have to have been "jelled" after induction. This is a very fine line for a Chaplain to determine.

A second consideration of the Regulation that bears mention is that the individual seeking separation from military service for C.O. reasons must be interviewed with a statement as to the sincerity of the individual. The hooker is obviously the word, "sincerity." Who is—who is not sincere? On what basis is sincerity determined? These are questions that at times make the issue vague to the point of disagreement from one reviewing officer to another or one chaplain to another.

Another consideration of the problem, which lies outside the Regulation itself, but is very vital nonetheless to the problem, is DA form 3286. This is a document signed by each man who enlists for Army duty. Under section 1, par. K is this statement: "I am not conscientiously opposed, by reason of religious training or belief, to bearing arms or to participation in, or training for war in any form." This means that a man who enlists has, in effect, said that he did not harbor feeling of Conscientious Objection prior to his induction. Once again it is difficult at best to properly interpret the Regulation in behalf of the man who is being interviewed.

THE CHAPLAIN AND THE C.O.

Previous to the Supreme Court Ruling, and the growing negative publicity about the Vietnam War very few men were interviewed on the matter of C.O. Recently, however, there has been an ever-increasing number of men approaching chaplains on this matter.

The man in most cases comes for an initial interview. Later, when he has accumulated all necessary paper work, he will return for a second interview. At this time the chaplain will examine all the documents, and then prepare to write his own opinion. The handling of these cases may vary with the individual chaplain, but it will generally run along these lines. The chaplain is his own man in these matters, and has to answer to no one for his opinion. The result can be a man going from one chaplain to another until he feels he has found the "most sympathetic" before he asks for the statement from a chaplain. Chaplains can and have worked together to avoid this. It is also normally assumed that a man will seek out

the chaplain of his faith, (i.e., Catholic, Protestant, Jewish) for such interviews.

To object to military service on moral grounds alone requires as much "homework" as to seek that classification on religious grounds. (There is ample evidence that a man can get "outside" assistance in preparing such an application.) A man must be able to thoroughly and convincingly document his beliefs, the source of his beliefs, etc.

It has been my experience and the experience of the chaplains of the installation which I now serve that a small percentage of those who initially inquire go on to present all their paper work later on for personnel action. The figure is probably 20 percent or less. One man admittedly told me that if he failed his present military schooling that he would be back to see me again on the matter of Conscientious Objection. It goes without saying that the new ruling on this subject has made it attractive to a much larger segment of our youth than ever before. Other men have come to discuss the matter when it has been known that they were doing poorly in a military school, or were anticipating orders soon for possible duty in Vietnam, or both.

Conscientious Objection appears to many young men to be an "honorable" way to get out of military duty. When it is discovered that the criteria for such a classification is very thorough and exacting many back off. Interestingly enough, they have been driven to seek out this classification by some force other than a deep abiding conviction of their own. This is again my own feeling, but when men are *pitted* instead of being *praised* by their own Congressmen and News Media for their part in the service of their country, they have reason enough for the doubts they feel. They then struggle with the dilemma of whether it is "honorable" to serve or, on the other hand, to wage a war of their own against serving.

The chaplain must be able to have Spirit-led discernment in his counsel and judgment on these matters. Pastors must be faithful to their young men to see that they are properly counseled prior to induction. It is a very complex and demanding discipline for a chaplain to discern who is or who is not a *genuine* Conscientious Objector, but there is still room for the genuine to be properly found and helped.

CONCLUSION:

The conclusion I reach at this point is that Conscientious Objection has taken on an entirely different perspective in recent months. Most young men who are sincere in this regard have been so identified prior to induction. The problem then lies in trying to determine who has had a genuine change of heart after his induction, and for that man still to be able to convince his superiors accordingly. It is obvious to even the casual observer that the national climate among many of our youth has leaned more and more toward some degree of pacifism. The motivation varies from genuine concern to outright revolution—ironic as that may seem. There is ample support in high places for some of this. Thus it is more and more reflected in the military which

still does contain a cross section of America. Directives given us in dealing with Conscientious Objection are vague at best. Some have successfully applied on purely moral grounds for classification. This success has not gone unnoticed.

BACKGROUND:—(Lee Jenkins)

The matter of responsibility to our country and the draft over the past twenty years, beginning with the United States involvement in South Korea, has changed. The attitude of general public has undergone a change. Change has found its greatest voice during present involvement with the South Vietnam against North Vietnam. This voice has brought forth an outburst of dissension unlike our generation has ever witnessed. We who are Bible believing Christians have maintained that responsibility to our country has always been a part of our Christian Faith. Yet we face the dilemma today of assisting those who are becoming of age for military service as to what course of action they should follow.

I. *Provisions* are made for those who feel by Biblical instruction and personal faith they cannot enter into this responsibility. (Section (j) of the Military Selective Act of 1967). This provision has been further amplified to allow refusal of performing military service on many reasons apart from religious beliefs.

II. *Personal Observation:* While chaplains at Grace Schools, it has been observed that some men who represent our local churches have been other than truthful in their approach to this responsibility. The writer has no quarrel with a person who chooses to accept the I-O or I-A status as long as it was done with a truthful approach. Yet there are those who will, by devious ways, skirt this provided way for exclusion from military service, and use a method that will mislead the Armed Forces not accept them on a physical basis or a psychological basis thus removing stigma of not being classified as a I-O or I-A. They have allowed the government to shoulder the whole blame for not being accepted for military service. It is felt that this is not in keeping with our concept of a Christian Spirit Filled Life.

III. It would be well that all persons who are in position of leadership within our Fellowship be aware and knowledgeable concerning the situation. One should take to obtain a proper classification that would be in keeping with his own beliefs. Also in counseling any who should seek information concerning his military obligation, they should be counseled to be truthful in their considerations of the priority of their personal obligations. It should never be done in view of convenience as opposed to obligation.

CONCLUSION:

The writer feels that there is no glory in armaments, no holy wars, and certainly war in itself is no test of one's manhood. Yet as we live among unregenerate men, the specter of war is always near. Often conflict becomes a neighbor and then each of us must take a stand. The test of our self comes as we understand

duty to our God and Saviour and to those
ments of government that our living God
rdained. May we be a people that are of
t report.

Clyde K. Landrum, chm.

motion prevailed to amend the
da to hear the following recommenda-
of the Southern California-Arizona
dict on a change in scheduling the
onal conference of the NFBC:

The Southern California-Arizona Dis-
of Brethren Churches recommends to
national conference convening in
na Lake, Indiana, August 8-13, 1971,
the national conference be taken to
r districts every other year, and that at
once every six years the conference
d be held in Southern California, in
of the fact that one-fourth of our
onal membership lives in that area, and
es their tremendous need of fellowship
information as to our conference and
erative works."

motion was made to adopt the report
the Southern California-Arizona Dis-

motion prevailed to refer the pre-
ng matter to the new Executive Com-
ee with a report to be brought back
e business session on Thursday, August

motion prevailed to adjourn the busi-
meeting.

FOURTH SESSION, AUGUST 12

the fourth session of the business meet-
was called to order by the Moderator,
am Tweeddale.

motion prevailed to accept the fol-
ng report of the Committee on the
erator's Address:

REPORT ON THE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

we commend our Moderator, William Tweed-
for the enthusiastic, positive nature of his
ess to the delegates assembled at the 82nd
al conference of the National Fellowship of
ren Churches.

he longest journey is the journey inward.
ren all over America have been taking that
ey, as their spiritual leaders have led them in
g spiritual inventory. A climax was reached
ear at annual conference, as Moderator Wes-
taller prompted us to officially "confess our
f prayerlessness," and "grieve over our fail-
o witness and visit and win the lost." The
ey has been long and bitter. Spiritual in-
ry has been taken.

But now, as our Moderator has clearly re-
minded us, it is time to use the inventory we
have. God has given us appropriate and adequate
tools, both spiritual and material, to accomplish
the great task He has given us. We commend our
Moderator for his reminder that the agencies of
our Fellowship have organized us to reach our
world for Christ.

Therefore, having heard our Moderator's
trumpet call to action, we urge Brethren in every
corner of the world to respond to the call, and
recognize:

1. That the Brethren Church has been placed
in a strategic hour of church history by the hand
of Almighty God.

2. That God has given to us, by His grace, the
supernatural power and presence of the Holy
Spirit.

3. That we owe a debt of gratitude to the
godly men who have founded and directed the
excellent missionary agencies of the Brethren
Church, through which Brethren people can unite
their energies in the great work of God.

4. That all our energies ought to be placed
behind these agencies to win people to Christ,
and build them up in the Body of Christ.

We recommend that the following actions be
taken, to encourage an effective response to our
Moderator's address:

1. We direct our spiritual leaders in every
local church to employ every legitimate method
available to train and involve individual Christians
in personal evangelism.

2. We direct the new Executive Committee of
conference to plan and coordinate personal evan-
gelism training sessions at the next annual con-
ference, in order that we can send delegates back
to their churches not only well taught, but well
trained in the art of personal evangelism.

3. We direct the Committee on Committees
to appoint the following committees, to bring
progress reports back to the 83rd Annual Con-
ference of the NFBC:

Anniversary Committee, to present the work
of the Brethren Church to America, in con-
nection with the 250th anniversary of the coming
of the Brethren to these shores. The suggestions
by the Moderator regarding committee personnel
should be considered.

District Boundary and Name Committee, to
investigate and recommend, in consultation with
the various districts, possible changes in the
methods by which districts are formed and
named.

Russell Barnard, chm.

A motion prevailed to include the fol-
lowing statement of the Stewardship Com-
mittee in the conference minutes:

"Due to the fact that the Stewardship Com-
mittee did not meet during the past year, we
therefore have no report to submit.

"However, we do commend Rev. Leo Polman,
chairman of the committee, for the effective
stewardship ministry conducted by him and Mrs.
Polman in many of our Brethren churches.

"We further acknowledge the value of his
personal counseling service to many of God's

people, pointing out the various ways by which they may financially share in the varied ministries of the Brethren Church through annuities, estate planning, wills and such.

"Other members of this committee are: Irvin Miller, Lyle Marvin, Kenneth Wilt, Glenn Coats, Charles Lawson, Eloy Pacheco, and Thomas E. Hammers, acting secretary."

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Hammers

A motion prevailed to accept the additional report of the Membership Committee reporting one additional lay delegate, making a total of 482 lay delegates and 261 ministerial delegates for a fourth-day total of 743 delegates. This delegate was seated.

A motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men: (For the period, August 1, 1970 through July 31, 1971.)

Organization and function:

A. The committee is comprised of the moderators of all sixteen districts of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and a chairman appointed by the Committee on Committees.

B. The committee serves as a liaison between pastorless churches and available men, but not in an advisory capacity.

C. The names of churches and ordained or licensed Brethren ministers are listed only when properly authorized by the individual or church.

D. Churches and pastors are invited to avail themselves of this free service.

1. Two letters were sent to the moderators of our sixteen districts during the past year inviting them to assist us in putting pastorless churches in touch with available men as quickly as possible.

2. During the past year the following services were rendered:

A. Lists of available men were mailed to 25 churches requesting this information, compared with 17 last year.

B. Only 6 men requested lists of pastorless churches compared with 12 the previous year.

C. There was a total of 27 pastorless churches in 11 states listed along with the names of 38 available men.

D. The names of seminary graduates were listed for churches requesting this information.

E. A total of 121 letters, some telephone calls, and personal interviews were involved in the services rendered.

3. I am also indebted to my secretary for her assistance and to Grace College and Seminary for their contribution to this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Hammers, chm.

A motion prevailed to receive the verbal report of the Board of Directors of the Brethren Retirement Home.

A motion prevailed that the following

men be elected to a three-year term on Brethren Retirement Home Committee:

Harold Huddleston

Robert Boze

Russell Barnard

Raymond Thompson

The Executive Committee made the following motion regarding the matter where the national conference will be held:

"The Executive Committee recommends that beginning next year national conference have the option to move every third year to a site other than Winona Lake, Indiana, and at least once every six years conference would convene on the West Coast."

A motion was made and passed to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the date of the conference in Gettysburg from 1975 to 1973 and the date to convene on the West Coast be 1976.

A motion was made, if we can get the grounds, to hold the 1973 conference in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the conference of 1976 be held on the West Coast.

Motion was declared out of order.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the cycle of future conferences.

A motion was made and passed to amend the Executive Committee's recommendation to read: The Executive Committee recommends that the national conference would have the option to move every three years to a site other than Winona Lake, Indiana, and at least once every six years conference would convene on the West Coast.

A motion prevailed that the national conference convene in Gettysburg in 1975 and on the West Coast in 1976.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the 1972 Resolutions Committee to the 1971 conference:

"The Resolutions Committee appointed for the function for the 1972 National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, presents this preliminary report:

"Inasmuch as our Fellowship is growing and becoming increasingly more complex, this has been reflected in the sessions of this conference,

"Inasmuch as this growth is expected to continue, thus adding to proliferation of our procedural and personnel responsibilities, and

Inasmuch as present procedures and the use of potential personnel leaves something to be desired, and inasmuch as there is a measure of inefficiency and confusion due to a lack of understanding as to individual and collective responsibilities,

therefore recommend:

That some continuity with respect to the Executive Committee be determined; it being suggested that members thereof serve more than one year term; and that serious consideration be given to the establishment of the office of a CONFERENCE DIRECTOR, the appointee thereto to be charged with such matters as conference coordinating, publicity, and such other duties as determined by the Fellowship,

That a studied effort be made, by the conference and all auxiliaries, to fully utilize the potential of leadership in our Fellowship, ministerial and lay, by calling upon a wider representation of that personnel to serve on boards, committees, and official positions within the conference, and

That to improve the efficiency of this conference that there be prepared a job description for each office and committee, this information to be produced in brochure form and be made available to all churches and conference electees, appointees, and

That the 1972, and all future conferences, be more widely publicized by: (a) Informative publications in all Fellowship publications, and (b) distribution of the conference program or a reproduction of the same in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* at least one month in advance of the conference dates; this publicity endeavor to be pursued not only by the conference but also by all auxiliaries connected therewith.

That the Winona Lake Christian Assembly be contacted with regard to providing adequate facilities for our expected larger attendances in future years, and

That the newly elected, 1972 conference officers (moderator, vice moderator, secretary, treasurer, executive committee secretary) be constituted as a special committee to study these recommendations and take any action deemed advisable for the furtherance of the purposes of this Fellowship.

Committee: Kenneth Ashman
Glen Welborn
Luke Kauffman

A motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION, AUGUST 13

The fifth business session was called to order by the Moderator, William Tweed.

A motion prevailed to receive the following report from the Conference Publicity Committee:

"The *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine was utilized extensively this year in advertising the conference. Articles and ads appeared on the news page.

"Miss Ann Teel graciously helped with preparation of news releases for the local Warsaw newspaper. These releases promoted the Great Americanism Rally on Sunday evening and the youth conference rally which will be held tonight.

"A large one-fourth page ad was placed in the *Warsaw Times Union* on Saturday, August 7, which advertised the Great Americanism Rally to local people.

"The *Conference Herald*, normally a responsibility of the Conference Publicity Committee, was handled this year by personnel of the *Missionary Herald*, inasmuch as both members of the publicity committee had tendered their resignations."

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Herman

A motion prevailed to accept the report given by the International Fellowship of Brethren Churches Committee.

"This committee was appointed by national conference at its 1970 meeting to serve for three years.

"The five members of the committee are: John Zielasko, David Hocking, Scott Weaver, Douglas Bray and George Peek. All the members of the committee have visited one or more of the Brethren Foreign Mission fields.

"The purpose of the committee is to explore and develop ways for a closer relationship between the National Conference of Brethren Churches and Brethren Churches outside the U.S.A. This work is to be coordinated carefully between the officers of national conference and the Foreign Missionary Society.

"The committee believes that the visits of representatives from non U.S.A. Brethren Churches to national conference and district churches have been very worthwhile.

"Pastors Simon Pierre Nambozuina, Raimundo Cardoso, and Noel Gaiwaka have been a rich blessing to the churches in America while creating an increased interest in the ministry of Foreign Missions. Their visits have served to encourage our missionaries and we believe the visits will also create a closer bond between the non U.S.A. churches and national conference.

"We therefore recommend that our non U.S.A. churches continue to send representatives to national conference and that one third (1/3) of the expense for sending these delegates be raised by the national church. The balance of the expense to be paid by the National Conference of Brethren Churches U.S.A."

Respectfully submitted,
George O. Peek, chm.

A motion prevailed that the verbal report of the Board of Evangelism on reaching America for Christ be accepted with an urging to the pastors and people to implement it as details evolve.

A motion prevailed that the following report be accepted as given by the Auditing Committee:

"The books and financial records of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches have been audited. Also by request we have audited the books and records of the Brethren Women's Missionary Council, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha and the Board of Evangelism. We are of the opinion that the books are in proper order and are acceptable to this committee.

"We wish to express appreciation to the financial officers of the above organizations for their willing cooperation in submitting the books to the auditing committee."

Wayne Guthrie, chm.
Charles W. Turner

A motion prevailed to commend Lester E. Pifer for his zealous efforts to have a portrait of Alexander Mack hung in the Christian Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. 1

A motion prevailed that the following recommendation of the 1972 Executive Committee be adopted:

"In response to the recommendation of the 1972 Resolutions Committee we (executive committee) recommend to conference the creation of the office of conference coordinator."

The following recommendation was also made by the Executive Committee:

"The Executive Committee recommends to the conference that Dr. Harold Etling be appointed as conference coordinator for the coming year (1971-1972)

at an honorarium of \$50 per month plus necessary expenses."

A substitute motion was made passed to recognize the communication of the Executive Committee and instruct them to put this in operation as of now.

The theme for the 1972 conference be "His Glorious Church."

A motion prevailed to have the conference or executive coordinator prepare and make available a bumper sticker or wind decal with the NFBC emblem with the name across the bottom.

A motion prevailed to receive the following report:

"Whereas the Scriptures recognize that man is created in the image of God, and that to destroy the image of God in man strikes at God.

"And whereas the founding documents of this country recognized that man's right is the right to life.

"That this Fellowship look with alarm and disapproval upon current legislative and court decisions that have liberalized nullified abortion laws, thereby treating lightly the life of the unborn, who is made in the image of God."

Moderator, William Tweeddale, installed the conference officers for 1972.

The business sessions of the 1971 conference were declared adjourned *sine die* by the new Moderator, Robert Collitt.

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 na Lake, Ind. 46590.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1970

General Fund—	
on hand and in banks	\$ 96,249.20
unts receivable	9,684.05
osits and advances	31,206.90
es receivable	39,387.22
aid insurance	154.02
ued interest receivable	274.97
ntories	3,086.56
estate (missionary residences USA, etc.)	86,910.44
ce equipment, less depreciation	9,951.75
io-visual equipment, less preciation	1,858.31
Total general fund assets	\$278,763.42
Restricted Gifts Fund—	
on hand and in banks	\$ 35,097.65
stments	10,000.00
ued interest receivable	41.67
Total restricted gifts fund assets	\$ 45,139.32
Annuity Fund—	
on hand and in banks	\$ 4,596.62
gs accounts	30,000.00
Treasury bills	29,414.57
s receivable	155,800.74
etable securities (at cost)	14,702.19
ued interest receivable	642.01
estate, net	5,000.00

Total annuity fund assets	\$240,156.13
Total assets	\$564,058.87
Liabilities and Net Worth:	
General Fund—	
Notes payable	\$100,159.07
Mortgage	16,119.05
Accrued interest payable	1,152.83
SMM funds for investment	2,500.00
Retirement trust funds	2,156.56
Missionary outfit funds	15,986.45
Net worth	140,689.46
Total general fund liabilities and net worth	\$278,763.42
Restricted gifts fund	\$ 45,139.32
Annuity Fund—	
Accrued interest payable	\$ 2,224.09
Annuities in force	189,109.52
Net worth	48,822.52
Total annuity fund	\$240,156.13
Total liabilities and net worth	\$564,058.87

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

For the calendar year ending December 31, 1970

Income—	
Gifts	\$657,967.45
Interest and misc.	6,325.47
Total income	\$664,292.92
Expenses—	
Administrational	\$ 76,543.83
Promotional	59,361.02
Missionary and field	531,054.72
Other	11,109.00
Annuity fund net expenses	351.07
Total expenses	\$678,419.64
Expenses over income	\$ 14,126.72

Books audited by Ramsey & King, Public Ac-
 countants. (If a detailed report is desired, please
 contact the FMS office for a copy of such.)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 1, 1970—March 31, 1971

ASSETS

Current

Cash, checking account	\$ 77,714
Petty cash	25
Savings—collateral	6,304
Total	\$ 84,043

Other

Notes receivable	\$ 52,302
Annuity fund investment	160,139
Total	\$212,442

Fixed

Mission property—land and buildings	\$309,441
Airplane	1,516
Leasehold improvements— office	621
Office equipment	5,450
Photography equipment	4,036
Autos and trucks	21,791
Flory property	30,000
Total	\$372,857

Deferred Charges

Contingent notes receivable	\$ 22,706
Deposits held for others and advances	(232)
Total	\$ 22,474
Total assets	\$691,818

LIABILITIES

Current

Notes payable	\$257,604
Payroll taxes withheld and accrued	785
Hospitalization and UNAC insurance	(1,213)
Total	\$257,176

Contingent

Notes payable	\$ 22,706
Revolving building fund	16,374
Total	\$ 39,081

ACCOUNTABILITIES

Annuities	\$190,639
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NET WORTH

Surplus account	\$204,920
Total liabilities, accounta- bilities and net worth	\$691,818

INCOME

Contributions	\$388,324
Bequests	1,407
Interest	12,804
Architectural Department	4,055
Property sales	6,871
Rental	4,299
Annuities realized	5,000
Brethren Construction Company	872
Total income	\$423,635

DISBURSEMENTS

Direct assistance to mission points

Pastors' salaries, building appropriations, and Minute-Man Pastors' insurance	\$255,685
Pastors' moving expense	6,737
Depreciation	1,827
Interest	5,431
Field work and administration	15,029
Workshops	20,211
Miscellaneous	5,109
Visitation evangelism	3,170
Total	\$320,990

ect assistance to mission points

Office and Administration

Salaries	\$ 52,645.24
Supplies	2,982.56
Phone	2,210.18
	1,855.00
Age	4,794.53
iture and equipment repairs	768.77
al Security Tax	2,854.35
ctors' expense	3,137.86
and audit	750.00
ance bond	957.60
total	\$ 72,956.09
Promotion	
azine and literature	\$ 8,303.10
rs' itineration	2,500.05
kgiving offering materials	6,259.47
otion, signs and advertising	3,782.48
ren Financial Planning	
Service	1,000.00
total	\$ 21,845.10
erty expense	\$ 7,813.65
ement	3,078.75
total disbursements	\$426,683.73
ss of expense over income	(3,048.62)
	\$423,635.11

FUND BALANCES—CASH

eral fund	\$ 49,078.69
iving building fund	16,374.93
sh fund	3,965.45
y fund	232.61
jo fund	8,062.85
total	\$ 77,714.53
in Lake City Bank	\$ 77,714.53

ts audited by Allan M. Ramsey of Ramsey
King, Public Accountants as of March 31,

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT—May 31, 1971

<u>Assets</u>		
Cash in bank—checking account	\$	40,645.32
Government securities		594,052.43
Certificates of deposit		500,000.00
Relay		399.15
Notes receivable		7,038,579.11
Office equipment	\$	24,766.70
Property		13,500.00
Less reserve for depreciation	(9,268.38)	28,998.32
Leasehold improvements and bond premiums		2,298.50
Less amortization allowance		257.07
Total assets		\$8,204,715.76
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Loans payable		\$7,857,049.25

Annuities	183,139
Payroll taxes, taxes withheld from payrolls and relay account	272
Total liabilities	\$8,040,461
<u>Net worth</u>	
Surplus	\$ 164,254
Total liabilities and net worth	\$8,204,715

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

<u>Income</u>	
Interest	\$ 456,657
Gifts and other service charges	4,101
	\$ 460,758
<u>Expenses</u>	
Directors' expense	\$ 2,923
Interest	392,805
Salaries and retirement pay	19,183
Legal and audit	1,708
Depreciation	2,224
Social Security Tax	842
Repairs to equipment	700
Rent, telephone, office expense, and misc.	3,517
Postage, promotion and advertising	1,253
Income tax	1,843
Travel expense	3,167
Financial planning service	3,000
Insurance	783
Property expense	996
Service charges and bond premiums	167
Retirement fund	470
Total expenses	\$ 435,586
Excess of income over expenses	\$ 25,172
(Books audited by Allan M. Ramsey, Public accountant)	

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1970 and 1971

Assets

I	Current funds (general and restricted)		
	Cash	\$	10,126
	Investments		115,000
	Receivables		48,386
	Inventories		11,788
	Inter-fund loans		28,432
	Total	\$	213,732
II	Loan, endowment, trust and annuity funds		
	Cash	\$	17,191
	Cash, other		13,435
	Receivables (NDSL)		315,115
	Receivables (other loans)		162,892
	Investments in plant		25,000
	Investments (other)		479,300
	Total		\$1,012,933
III	Plant funds		
	Cash	\$	1,198
	Investments		37,353
	Land		112,218
	Buildings		2,775,638
	Books		667,929
	Improvements to grounds		145,313
	Total		\$3,739,649
	Grand total school assets		\$4,966,314
IV	Agency funds		
	(Held for others)		
	Cash	\$	10,282
	Total agency funds	\$	10,282

Liabilities

I	Current funds (general and restricted)		
	Accounts payable	\$	21,909
	Accrued payroll		1,800
	Taxes and insurance payable		4,220
	Contract payable		---
	Deposits (room and key)		9,204
	Deferred income and advance		56,242

Restricted fund balances . . .	37,700	Seminary	147,97
Inter-fund loans payable . . .	4,000	Graduate	11,10
Surplus (general fund)	<u>78,657</u>	Gifts: General	171,05
Total	\$ 213,732	Endowment	5,81
II. Loan, endowment trust and annuity funds		Auxiliary enterprises	486,29
Loan fund balances (NDSL) . . .	\$ 332,306	Other general income	56,18
Loan fund balances (other) . . .	136,707	Restricted gifts	35,33
Endowment and trust funds balance	248,249	Other restricted income	<u>164,20</u>
Annuity fund balances	288,361	Total current income	\$1,855,36
Accounts payable	---	Expenses:	
Gain on sale of securities (annuity)	<u>7,310</u>	Instructional	\$ 509,29
Total	\$1,012,933	Organized activities	29,39
III Plant funds		Library	76,13
Unexpended plant funds balance	\$ 38,500	Student services	90,63
Notes payable	33,407	Physical plant	111,80
Inter-fund payable	14,432	General administrative	102,77
Mortgages payable	1,392,554	Development	104,57
Annuity funds	25,000	General institutional	82,75
Net invested in plant	<u>2,235,756</u>	Student aid	247,11
Total	\$3,739,649	Auxiliary enterprises	465,77
Grand total school liabilities	<u>\$4,966,314</u>	Principal payments on educational mortgages	<u>26,42</u>
IV Agency funds		Total current expense	\$1,846,68
(Held for others)		General fund surplus	\$ 6,30
Deposits	\$ 10,282	Restricted fund surplus	<u>2,37</u>
Total	\$ 10,282	Total	\$ 8,67
Income:		The books of Grace Schools for the fiscal year 1970-71 have been audited by McBride and Horn, Public Accountants at Warsaw, Indiana. The full audit report may be examined by any corporation member at the Business Office at Winona Lake, Indiana.	
Tuition and fees: College	\$ 777,388		

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

ASSETS

Current Assets			
cash in register . . .	\$	150.00	
petty cash		350.00	
cash on hand		800.00	
cash in bank		<u>12,357.53</u>	\$ 13,657.53
notes receivable		24,943.67	
accounts receivable		62,730.05	
inventory merchandise		92,652.49	
inventory supplies		<u>3,406.77</u>	
Total current assets			\$197,390.51
Non-current Assets			
land	\$	4,000.00	
building		189,410.68	
furniture, fixtures and			
office equipment		68,029.49	
cop equipment		41,764.08	
automobile and			
truck		<u>4,050.00</u>	
		307,254.25	
allowed for			
depreciation		<u>106,127.06</u>	
Total non-current assets			201,127.19
Total assets			\$398,517.70

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities			
accounts payable . . .	\$	6,495.76	
notes payable		<u>104,339.77</u>	
Total current liabilities			\$110,835.53
Non-current Liabilities			
mortgages	\$	11,500.00	
net worth		<u>276,182.17</u>	
Total non-current liabilities			<u>287,682.17</u>
Total liabilities and net worth			\$398,517.70

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income			
Merchandise sales . . .	\$467,516.37		
Subscriptions	52,288.76		
Cooperating boards . . .	18,893.35		
Interest	<u>473.35</u>		
Total income			\$539,171.83
Cost			
Purchases	\$301,161.66		
Outside work	46,579.88		
Salaries	122,016.57		
Consideration to			
Christian Educa-			
tion Department	1,950.84		
Operating expenses . . .	95,189.19		
Free literature and			
gifts	<u>16,385.11</u>		
Total cost			<u>583,283.25</u>
Business loss			\$ 44,111.42
Publication offering . . .	28,712.51		
Expenses	<u>6,316.49</u>		
Offering net gain			<u>22,396.02</u>
Net loss			\$ 21,715.40

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Number of councils as of July 1971	270
Number of councils reporting in July 1971	261
Number of members reported as of July 1971	4,528

FINANCIAL REPORT 1970-71

Balance on hand—July 1, 1970	\$10,013.64
Receipts:	
Operation and Publication	\$ 8,936.45
Home missions	5,644.36
Grace Schools and Christian Education	4,953.96
Foreign missions	5,342.61
Thank offering	7,043.02
Missionary birthday	5,223.95

Missionary residences	1,250.
Home-mission specials	1,682.
Foreign-mission specials	3,614.
Grace Schools specials	25.
Christian Education Dept. specials	952.
Total receipts	\$44,670.

Disbursements:

Operation and Publication Expense	\$ 7,116.
Home missions	5,644.
Grace Schools and Christian Education	4,953.
Foreign missions	5,342.
Thank offering	7,043.
Missionary birthday	5,000.
Missionary residence	1,733.
Home-mission specials	1,682.
Foreign-mission specials	3,614.
Grace Schools specials	25.
Christian Education Dept. specials	952.
Total disbursements	\$43,109.
Balance on hand—July 17, 1971	\$11,574.

WMC OBJECTIVES

LOCAL OBJECTIVES

PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. IN REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY. *First choice*—the entire Bible. *Second choice*—regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. IN PRAYER. Each WMC woman a prayer warrior, using Home and Foreign Mission Prayer booklets, praying for Brethren Student I Volunteers, and for youth in her district who have made decisions for full-time service.

3. IN PERSONAL WORK. a. Every member a witness and a soul winner. b. Encourage every woman to be active in the evangelization of youth and assist willingly in SMM, DVBS, Sunday school, children's Bible classes, youth people's work, Missionary Helpers Club, and other church-sponsored youth activities. c. To each woman in each council be urged to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help and willingness to serve as patroness, assistant, or in any other capacity.

4. IN STEWARDSHIP. Each WMC member give regularly to WMC her time, talents and money as the Lord leads and prospers her.

FAMILY OBJECTIVES

IN FAMILY WORSHIP. Establishment of regular family devotions in every home.

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. IN PRAYER. Each council observe special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month (small groups, prayer chains, and so forth) using the prayer helps provided by our denomination and sent to pastors.

2. IN MONTHLY MEETINGS. A minimum of 12 meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs in the packet.

3. IN DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES. Each council should be represented at rallies and take part in district projects. This promotes individual growth and enthusiasm for the local WMC work.

4. IN OFFERINGS. (Please send all monies to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Grace Ashman, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet. Make checks payable to Brethren National WMC.) a. September, October, November—Home Missions—send before December 10. Goal \$5,000—furnishings and equipment for Home Mission offices in new missions building. b. December, January, February—Grace Schools and Christian Education Department—send before March 10. Goal \$5,000. 2/3 Grace Schools—Conn. Music Learning System and 1/3 Christian Education Department—expansion of youth ministries of the Christian Education Department. c. March, April, May—Foreign Missions—send before June 10. Goal \$5,000—radio time for Argentina. d. June, July, August—WMC Operation and Publication Expenses—Send before September 10. Goal \$5,000. e. Thank Offering for Brethren Missionaries—send anytime before June 10. f. Suggest a penny a day per member offering. The Brethren Home Missions Council is no longer able to secure synagogue banks. g. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC Birthday missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send before June 10.

5. Monthly Missionaries for 1971-72 are:
Miss Florence Bickel—Africa (retired)
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RECOMMENDATIONS

TO LOCAL COUNCILS

1. That a membership renewal and consecration service be held annually (preferably in the fall), to reconsecrate members and to recognize new members.

2. To purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

(1) *It's A Woman's Privilege* by Evelyn M. Anderson

(2) *Manuel* by Hugh Steven

(3) *Another Hand on Mine* by William J. Petersen

3. That good, usable clothing be sent to the following missions: (each council being responsible for the entire expense.)

Navajo Indian Mission—Children's machine washable clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). Send Parcel Post to: Rev. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico 87018. (Use of freight not recommended.)

Taos, New Mexico—Adult and children's clothing. Send Parcel Post to: Rev. Robert Salazar, Spanish-American Mission, Box 975, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

Dryhill, Kentucky—Adult and children's clothing. Send Parcel Post to: Mr. Marvin E. Lowery, Brethren Chapel, Dryhill, Kentucky 41737.

4. That they use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

5. That the women read and use the Pen Pointers.

6. That each council plan and prepare a yearly program booklet, including such items as names and addresses of officers and members, projects, offerings (local, district and national) and their due dates, monthly program leader and hostess, and a schedule of meetings.

TO LOCAL COUNCILS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION

1. That officers be elected and begin planning in June. That they be installed in July, and take office at the close of the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1971, through June 30, 1972.

2. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aid in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

3. That the assistant secretary of each council keep the membership cards, be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs her membership card when she joins the local council.

4. That the prayer chairman keep a record of all souls saved through the efforts of WMC members. (Include all decisions made for salvation through evangelization of youth, VBS, and so forth.)

5. That the prayer chairman be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils, emphasizing the use of the Brethren booklet, *Daily Devotions*.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

DISTRICT WORK

1. Each district is encouraged to honor, with an award, those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. Each district is encouraged to recognize the SMM at a district WMC program.

3. Each district is encouraged to use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

DISTRICT OFFERINGS AND EXPENSES

1. Each district shall sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice president, Mrs. Ralph Hall, to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district.

2. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnish-

ing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by June 30, and used as the committee in charge sees the needs.

3. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

4. Each district should pay the district president's expenses, wholly or in part, to national conference.

5. Each district should give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

6. Each district shall contribute annually to the National Operation and Publication Expenses. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by January 30.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

1. The district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

2. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our objectives and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

3. The retiring district president is to write a four-minute achievement report which is to be presented by the new president or representative, at the national board meeting.

4. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary, Mrs. Gerald Kelley, by July 10.

5. The district president shall represent her district on the national WMC board at national conference. If she is unable to attend, a representative should be sent in her place.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Theme—"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Theme verse—Psalm 19:1

Motto—"Do God's Will"

Colors—*White* symbolizes worship, as portrayed in the life of Mary. *Green* symbolizes service, as portrayed in the life of Martha.

Aim—To develop every girl to be a living testimony for her Master; to give to girls of dimly-lighted regions an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

SMM National Officers

(After May 15, use address in parentheses)

Pres.—Judy Ashman, 205 13 St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

V. Pres.—Becky Russell, 351 E. Cedar St. New Holland, Pa. 17557

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1971-72 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

OFFERINGS

(Make checks payable to National SMM)

1. Sept.—Nov. (Due Dec. 10)—Home Interests—Car for Isobel Fraser and the Jewish work	\$1,000
2. Dec.—Feb. (Due Mar. 10)—Operation SMM	\$1,000
3. Mar.—May (Due June 10)—Birthday Offering—\$450 each for three of our missionary children's higher education	\$1,350.
4. June—Aug. (Due Sept. 10)—Christian Education Dept.	\$1,000

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring, the fall meeting for program and overall planning and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.
2. Send an annual report of the Martha Goal No. 1 projects completed to the national vice president, Becky Russell, 351 E. Cedar St., New Holland, Pa. 17557, by July 1.
3. All national offerings with specific information are to be sent in by the specified date to Freya Michaelis, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Make checks payable to National SMM.
4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to your district patroness and one to the national secretary by July 1. Keep one for your local files.
5. Each girl purchase her own handbook.
6. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the year. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program. (Remember, April is SMM birthday month.)
7. At least 75 percent of the girls complete all Mary and Martha goals.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.
2. A two-to-four minute written achievement report to be given by the district president or representative at the national board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for it.
3. District patroness send out statistical blanks to local groups in May, compile the returned reports, and send one copy to the national secretary by July 15, keeping one copy for the district files.
4. District help its president or girl representative to attend national SMM board meetings (\$15 or more, depending on the distance).
5. The district patroness contact newly organized churches or churches without SMMs, that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.
6. Each district submit \$5 or more toward the "Girl of the Year" scholarship each year, sending it with the statistical blank.
7. Each district secretary send a letter to the national editor after each district rally reporting their meeting with a summary of the program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That local SMMs meeting all local organization goals be recognized as honor SMMs by the district.
2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.
3. That Mrs. Kenneth Russell be appointed national devotional program chairman for 1971-72.
4. That the 1971-72 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the national devotional program chairman by December 31, 1971.
5. That the devotional program committee for 1973-74 be from the Southern Ohio District, with Miss Wilma Hartley as chairman, and that a

skelton outline of the devotional program be sent to the national devotional program chairman by December 31, 1971.

6. That Pam Walters be appointed national editor and that Marcia Magers be appointed assistant editor.

7. That Freya Michaelis be appointed national financial secretary.

8. That Rose Leistner be appointed national treasurer.

9. For 1971-72 Indiana District will be in charge of updating the national SMM offerings, goals, and recommendations. These revisions will be submitted to the national board by the first of March.

10. That the national executive board meet previous to conference and that each member receive \$5 per working day present.

11. That the SMM "Girl of the Year" be selected and honored at national conference with all district nominations sent to the national patroness by August 1.

12. That each local SMM award quarterly awards (other than national awards) to their girls as they deem necessary.

13. That we use the order form from the new program packets to order awards for the past year.

14. That the awards for the personal goals be as follows:

For memorization of a book of the Bible:

1. \$15 toward national youth conference
2. \$7.50 toward material ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company
3. Key necklace (Seniors only)
4. Two SMM sweatshirts—one green and one white

For Seniors reading the Bible through:

1. *Living Prophecies*
2. A Christian book
3. Green or white sweatshirt

For Middlers reading the Old Testament through:

1. *Living Psalms and Proverbs*
2. A Christian book
3. Green or white sweatshirt

For Juniors reading the New Testament through:

1. *Living Letters*
2. A Christian book
3. Green or white sweatshirt

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

Chm.—Lee Jenkins
V. Chm.—R. Paul Miller
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Fin. Secy.—Eloy Pacheco
Treas.—Jack Peters

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

The annual meeting of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers was opened at 11:15

a.m. in the auditorium of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Following the singing of a gospel song, K. E. Richardson led the ministers present in a devotional based on Romans 12 and prayer.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Leo Polman, and the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Robert Salazar, presented the membership list for the year 1971-72. The membership report was accepted.

The ministers were reminded that all corrections and additions to the membership list must be presented in writing to the Membership Committee.

The following men were introduced to the ministerium: Ron Jarvis, Marvin Meeker, Harold Jones, Gilbert Gilgan, Ray Johnson, Ron Guile, Galen Wiley, Bernie Simmons, Ray Davis, Keith Zook, John Lancaster, Curtis Stroman.

The following missionaries were recognized: Ernie Bearinger, Orville Jobson, Lew Ingwaldson, Roger Peugh, Ray Davis and Walter Haag.

Visitor present: C. E. Greenleaf.

The courtesy of the meeting was extended to Ray Davis.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Dean I. Walter spoke to us on the subject, "Look into the Scientific World." The session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

The ministerium was reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with the singing of a hymn. Mark Malles led the ministers in the reading of Philippians 4:4-5 and in prayer.

William Steffler spoke of his 50 years in the ministry as he presented a devotional thought based on I Timothy 6.

Robert Salazar called the business session to order, and Ward Tressler presented corrections to the membership list from the Membership Committee. Corrections accepted.

Introductions of visitors: Noel Gaiwak, Arthur Johnson, Harry Froehlich, Harold Leppke, Edward Scofield, Paul Woodruff, Carl Myer.

Russell Ogden presented the ballot for the election of 1971-72 officers.

The report was accepted and the names placed in nomination.

No further nominations were made from the floor, and the election was conducted.

Richard Cron presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

The ministers concluded the business session with the singing of the hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Allen Herr spoke to the ministers on the subject, "Is Evangelism Dying?" A brief question and answer period regarding evangelism followed.

The results of the election of 1971-72 officers were announced.

The session was closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

The ministerium was reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with the singing of the gospel song, "Stand Up for Jesus."

Lee Jenkins presented a devotional thought on the first chapter of James and led the sisters in prayer.

Chairman Leo Polman opened the business session, calling for an additional report from the Membership Committee. Victor Rogers presented corrections in the membership list. Corrections accepted.

The following new men were introduced: Edward Smith, Albert Philippi, Paul Reno.

The following visitors were recognized: Jim King, Charles Henry.

Charles Ashman conducted the memorial session, calling for the following men to be recognized: Scott Weaver spoke in memory of Patricia, Clair Brickel spoke in memory of Everett Wonger.

The ministers were given opportunity to speak on the floor in memory of these Brethren. In discussions, it was noted that two other fellow-ministers, Gene Farrell and George Dunning, have gone to be with the Lord. Following the memorial session, Russell Barnard led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for these men.

The following men are experiencing severe illness: U. L. Gingrich, Lyle Marvin, Herbert Bess, U. L. Gingrich, Horace Mohler, George Cone, Jr. were led in a prayer for the recovery of these men by L. L. Grubb. The secretary was instructed to send letters to those of our group who are ill.

George Peek gave a report of our work in Africa, and introduced Noel Gaiwaka. Brother Gaiwaka brought greetings to us from our African Brethren. Harold Dunning served as his interpreter.

After a question and answer period, the session was closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

The ministerium was reconvened at 11:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Robert Salazar. After the singing of a gospel song, Larry Wedertz led the sisters in prayer.

Joe Coppinger presented a devotional thought based on Galatians 6.

Further corrections to the membership list were presented by the Membership Committee for approval.

The following visitors were introduced: Robert and John Lapp.

The vice chairman called for a report from the Southern California-Arizona District Examining Board regarding the transfer of ministers from one district to another and the bringing of new men into our Fellowship. No report was given.

A letter was read from the Southern California-Arizona District, in which it was stated that "The Southern California-Arizona District Ministerium recommends to National Ministerium that it in turn encourage the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits to carefully evaluate the present program in light of the present economic conditions, in view of the fact that most of our ministers agree that the program is not utilizing the best use of the value intended."

Motion was made and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

Discussion followed, and after an indecisive vote, a division of the house was called. The standing vote was 67 yes, 69 no. The motion failed to carry.

Bob Kliever led us in the singing of a gospel song, and the business session was closed with prayer.

Sumner Wemp spoke to the ministers on the conference theme, "I've Found the Answer." The session was closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

The ministerium was reconvened at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Leo Polman with the singing of the gospel song, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Russell Ogden led us in a devotional thought based on Galatians 1 and in prayer.

The Membership Committee presented corrections and additions to the membership list. Additions and corrections accepted.

There were no further introductions of new men, or visitors. The floor was opened to new business.

Motion prevailed that we urge the Board of Ministerial Relief and Retirement to pursue a study of the potential of a program for retirement if we had 200 ministers involved in the program.

Motion prevailed that the Executive Committee for next year prepare a proposed constitution and report to the ministerium next year.

Motion prevailed that we authorize the Executive Committee to make examination forms available to our districts.

Motion prevailed that the Executive Committee look into the possibility of blanket IRS denominational coverage and make recommendations to the 1972 Executive Committee of National Conference.

The Editing Committee recommends that the directive regarding the taping and editing of minutes be altered as follows: 1) That the sessions be recorded by tape, for future reference. 2) That the ministerium clarify its wishes regarding the methods by which minutes are approved.

Motion prevailed that the recommendation from the Editing Committee be accepted, and the Executive Committee be authorized to care for this matter.

Business meeting adjourned.

R. Paul Bauman presented an illustrated message on the subject of "Russia's Coming Invasion of Israel."

The session was closed with prayer.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MEN

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Notes of Praise

The men of the Brethren Church are moving forward on many fronts:

1. Faithful men able to teach others also.
2. Boys work.
3. Men's prayer meetings.
4. Calling and Gospel teams.
5. Man-to-man discipleship.
6. Stewardship.

We praise God that our goal of \$15,000 for the year's budget was met with a few dollars to spare. Men wishing to continue giving toward the work may do so through their local church, or by sending their gifts directly to our treasurer, William Hart, 6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

Our newspaper *Man to Man* is being published monthly—if you desire to be on the mailing list please send name and address including zip to Ed Jackson.

Our goal till the Lord comes . . . That we, collectively might find ourselves as faithful men "with one accord" (cf. Acts 1:14), "able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). First in the local church, and then to the uttermost parts of the world, particularly in the area of man-to-man discipleship.

We praise the Lord for the men's national conference—the largest on record. We are eagerly anticipating even greater blessings from the Lord in the future.

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 20031 (Tel. 301-894-8477)
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 Md. 20021 (Tel. 301-248-2213)

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 Mrs. E. J. Barry, 2324 Ephraim Ave., 33901
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 add: Box 762) (Tel. 305-831-1626)
 Mrs. Henry Brubaker, Box 762
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 Village (Tel. 305-972-0542)
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Grace Brethren Church (22)
 6300 62nd Ave., N., Pinellas Park, 33565
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WAIHAWA (Foster Tresise)

Waipio Grace Brethren Church (47)
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98-404 Ponohale St., 96701

(Tel. 808-488-6006)

Mrs. Earl Wagner, 4316 Likini St., Honolulu,

96818 (Tel. 808-422-4309)

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Wheaton Grace Brethren Church (37)

112 S. Dorchester Ave., 60187

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Stream, Ill. 60187 (Tel. 312-653-4588)

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R. R. 2, (Mailing address: 417 W. Water St.),

46711 (7 miles east on Ind. 218 and ½ mile

south) (Tel. 219-589-3381)

Mrs. Robert Myers, R. R. 2

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ELLETTSBURGH (Robert G. Clouse)

First Brethren Church (41)

Tenth and Cook Sts. 47841

LaVaughn Backfisch, R. R. 1

(Tel. 812-939-2620)

ELLETTSBURGH (Gordon W. Bracker)

Grace Brethren Church (168)

1600 E. Mishawaka Rd., 46514

(Tel. 219-875-5271)

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1326 S. Calhoun St., 46807

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4619 Stellhorn Rd., 46805

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1801 W. Clinton St., 46526

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Grace Brethren Church (51)

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46168 (Tel. 317-839-4400)

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(122)

4901 Arrowhead Blvd., 46901

(Tel. 317-453-0734)

Pat McKinley, 5503 Menomonee Dr.

(Tel. 317-453-2048)

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Leesburg Brethren Church (96)

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Warsaw, 46580 (Tel. 219-267-4583)

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Bethel Brethren Church (286)

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46561 (Tel. 219-679-4749)

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Mishawaka, 46544

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Peru Brethren Church (90)

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Sidney Grace Brethren Church (64)

46566

Miss Enid Heckman, R. R. 2, North

Manchester, 46962

(Tel. 219-839-3363)

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 1701 E. Ireland Rd., 46614
 (Tel. 219-291-3550)
 Mrs. Linda Tom, 3005 Sunnymede St., 46614
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 (Tel. 219-267-3920)

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Winona Lake Brethren Church (337)
 1200 Kings Highway, 46590
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 Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., Box 102
 (Tel. 219-267-6435)

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Carlton Brethren Church (123)
 R. R. 1, 50632 (6½ miles southwest of
 Garwin) (Tel. 515-499-2460)
 Mrs. Carl Kouba, R. R. Toledo, 52342
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LEON (Glen H. Welborn)

Leon Brethren Church (88)
 108 W. Fourth St., 50144
 Mrs. Ray Andrew, R. R. 1
 (Tel. 515-446-6563)

NORTH ENGLISH (Keith L. Zook)

Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church (63)
 R. R. 1, 52316 (2 miles east of Millersburg
 7 miles northwest of North English)
 (Tel. 319-664-5311)
 Kathleen Erteld, R. R. 1 (Tel. 319-664-5311)

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 50702 (Tel. 319-235-1805)

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 2905 D Ave., N.E., 52402
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First Brethren Church (139)
 Box 6, 67474 (on Highway 281)
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First Brethren Church (125)
 305 Hatton St., 50063
 (Tel. 515-837-3235)
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 50310 (Tel. 515-276-2076)

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Grace Brethren Church (89)
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 (Tel. 319-391-4403)
 Mrs. Bernard Aupperle, 3339 W. Lombard,
 52804 (Tel. 319-324-0802)

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Clayhole Brethren Church (46)
 Box 219, 41317 (Highway 476—
 4 miles south of Lost Creek)
 (Tel. 606-666-5050)
 Mrs. Martha Combs, Route 15
 (Tel. 606-666-5057)

DES MOINES (Ralph Miller)

First Brethren Church (173)
 E. 10th and Lyon Sts., 50316
 (Tel. 515-262-5290)
 Mrs. Dean Travis, 1425 York

DRYHILL (Marvin E. Lowery)

Grace Brethren Chapel (46)
 12 miles north of Hyden on Route 257
 41737 (Tel. 606-672-2520)
 Mrs. Ted Begley, Confluence, 41730
 (Tel. 606-672-2623)

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ACCIDENT (Robert Clinton)

Grace Brethren Church (45)
5 miles south of Accident, 21520
(Tel. 301-826-8235)
Miss Zella Keller, (Tel. 301-826-8497)

CUMBERLAND (Michael D. Funderburg)

Grace Brethren Church (29)
Box 2424, 21502 (in Mexico Farms, 3 miles
southeast of Cumberland off Route 51)
(Tel. 301-722-5669)
Miss Gail Atwell, Box 131, Hyndman, Pa.
15545 (Tel. 814-842-3269)

GERSTOWN (A. Harold Arrington)

Calvary Brethren Church (223)
Bryan Place and W. Franklin St. (Mailing
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(Tel. 301-733-6375)
Andrew Auxt, R. R. 2, Williamsport, 21795
(Tel. 301-223-9451)

GERSTOWN (Gerald W. Teeter)

Gay Street Brethren Church (146)
Gay and Allen Sts., (Halfway Area), 21740
(Tel. 301-582-0155)
Mrs. Jean Cook, 2202 Linden Dr.

GERSTOWN (Robert B. Collitt)

Jagerstown Grace Brethren Church (653)
First and Spruce Sts., 21740
(Tel. 301-739-1726)
Mrs. Bonnie M. Kuhn, Box 98,
Funkstown, 21734
(Tel. 301-733-6736)

WESTERNPORT (John Wm. Lancaster)

Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (28)
R. R. 1, 21562 (4 miles north of Westernport,
west off Route 36) (Tel. 301-689-8179)
Mrs. Gerald Derham, R. R. 1, Box 35
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MICHIGAN

TO (Glenn E. Moore)

Calvary Brethren Church (73)
13626 84th St., S. E. 49302
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BERRIEN SPRINGS

Grace Brethren Church (34)
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P. O. Box 194, 49103)
(Tel. 616-471-1501)
Joan Stroup, 2214 Lynn, St. Joseph, 49085
(Tel. 616-983-4322)

HASTINGS (Russell Sarver)

Hastings Grace Brethren Church (17)
243 S. Jefferson St., 49058
Mrs. Russell Sarver, R. R. 1, 49058
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JACKSON (Gilbert Hawkins)

Grace Brethren Church (65)
4100 Clinton Rd., 49201 (Mailing address:
519 Fern Ave., 49202) (Tel. 517-784-1048)
Mrs. Charles Phillips, 5241 Ridge Rd.,
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LAKE ODESSA

Grace Brethren Church (79)
R. R. 1 (1 mile south of M-50, ½ mile east
of Nash Rd.) (Mailing address: 12591
Darby Rd., R. R., Clarksville, 48815)
(Tel. 616-693-2315)
Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, Tasker Rd.
(Tel. 616-374-3726)

LANSING (Harry J. Froehlich, Jr.)

Grace Brethren Church (65)
3904 W. Willow St., 48917
(Tel. 517-372-0482)
Mrs. Barbara Shannon, 217 E. South,
Morrice, 48857

NEW TROY (Ronzil L. Jarvis)

New Troy Brethren Church (100)
Box 67, 49119 (corner of Weechik Rd., and
California)
(Tel. 616-426-3121)
Mrs. Clarence Taylor (Tel. 616-426-4903)

TROUT LAKE (Donald R. Taylor)

Grace Brethren Church (42)
Rt. 656 Moran P.O., Ozark, 49760
(5½ miles east and 1 mile south of Trout
Lake on H-40) (Tel. 906-569-3270)
Mrs. Fred Huntley, P. O. Box 122, 49793

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WINONA

Grace Brethren Church (17)
627 W. Wabasha, 55987
(Tel. 507-454-2045)
Mrs. Everett Bearden, 635 E. Main,
Lewiston, 55952 (Tel. 4211)

NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY (Robert Wilson)

Grace Brethren Church (40)
Corner of 12th and "O" Sts. 68926
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OMAHA (Clyde J. Caes)

Grace Brethren Bible Church (11)
2502 N. 51st St., 68104
(All mail to address of church)
(Tel. 402-551-9996)
Mrs. Judy McMaster, 803 E. Jefferson St.,
Millard, 68137 (Tel. 402-333-3538)

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Grace Brethren Church (9)
Meeting at Thomas Paine School on Church
Rd. (Mailing address: 715 Mildred Ave.,
Somerdale, N. J. 08083)
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Warminster, Pa. 18974 (Tel. 215-675-0943)

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ALBUQUERQUE (Lew Ingwaldson)

Grace Brethren Church (59)
149 Daniel Circle, N.W., 87107
(Tel. 505-898-2554)
Mrs. Celina Salazar, 7835 2nd St., N.W.,
87107 (Tel. 505-898-2573)

ALBUQUERQUE (Victor-S. Rogers)

Heights Grace Brethren Church (27)
2518 Eubank Blvd., N.E., 87112
(Tel. 505-296-8087)
Miss Betty Allshouse, 1124 Parsifal, N.E.,
87112 (Tel. 505-296-1296)

TAOS (Robert G. Salazar)

Canon Brethren Church (130)
Box 975, 87571 (1 mile east on Raton Rd.)
(Tel. 505-758-3388)
Mrs. Irma Esquibel, Box 897
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NORTH CAROLINA

SANFORD (Adam H. Rager)

Sanford Grace Brethren Church (5)
203 Monroe St., 27330

OHIO

AKRON (Merlin D. Berkey)

Fairlawn Brethren Church (52)
754 Ghent Rd., 44313
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Mrs. Irene Boser, 1859 Wakefield Dr.,
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AKRON (John P. Burke)

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ANKENYTOWN (Larry K. Gegner)

Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church (16)
R. D. 1, Bellville, 44813 (4½ miles N.E.
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(Tel. 614-694-6936)
Mrs. John Daniels, R. R. 1, Frederick-
town, 43019 (Tel. 614-397-1219)

ASHLAND (Knut Larson)

Grace Brethren Church (384)
1144 W. Main, 44805
(Tel. 419-324-5374)
Mrs. Leona Miller, 1008 Wick Ave.
(Tel. 419-323-6825)

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Katherine and Budd Sts., 44805
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BERBERTON (Kenneth I. Cosgrove)

First Brethren Church of Norton (59)
 3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., 44203
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 Miss Irene Sonnanstine, 135 Westview,
 Wadsworth, 44281
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Grace Brethren Church (6)
 121 S. Enterprise St., 43402
 (Tel. 419-353-8201)
 Mrs. Jeanette Scofield, 207 S. Prospect St.

BOOKVILLE (Clair E. Brickel)

Brookville Grace Brethren Church (205)
 12222 Westbrook Rd., 45309 (Mailing
 address: R. R. 1, Box 385BB)
 (Tel. 513-833-5562)
 Mrs. Don Dickey, R. R. 2
 (Tel. 513-833-5139)

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First Brethren Church (118)
 West Central Ave. at Lafayette St.,
 45311 (Tel. 513-452-1290)
 Mrs. Emory Davenport, 183 N. 2nd St.,
 (Tel. 513-452-1528)

NTON (James M. Kennedy)

Grace Brethren Church (225)
 6283 Market Ave., N., 44721
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 Mrs. Jerry Friddle, 317 Belden, S.E., 44707
 (Tel. 216-454-1066)

AYTON (Paul Woodruff)

Clayton Brethren Church (100)
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 Miss June Bowser, 900½ Harvard Blvd.,
 Dayton, 45406 (Tel. 513-275-0836)

EVELAND (Robert Wm. Markley, Sr.)

Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church (76)
 5564 Mayfield Rd. (Rte. 322), Lynd-
 hurst, 44124 (Tel. 216-442-5353)
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 (Tel. 216-442-2183)

COLUMBUS (James Custer)

Grace Brethren Church of Columbus (370)
 6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthing-
 ton, 43085 (Tel. 614-888-7733)
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 43229 (Tel. 614-885-2194)

COOLVILLE (Donald M. Marken)

Grace Brethren Church (36)
 Seminary and Rock, 45723
 (Tel. 614-667-3748)
 Mrs. Robert McKinney, P.O. Box 177,
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First Brethren Church (60)
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 (Tel. 513-473-2128)
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Grace Brethren Church (101)
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DANVILLE (Edward N. Wingard)

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 Box 315) 43014 (Tel. 614-599-7390)
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 Vernon, 43050 (Tel. 614-397-3798)

DAYTON (Russell M. Ward)

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 5900 Basore Rd., 45415
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 wood, 45322 (Tel. 513-836-2521)

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First Brethren Church (504)
 1684 Earlham Dr., (at Philadelphia Dr.)
 45406 (Tel. 513-276-3981)
 Miss Esther Mowery, church address

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The Brethren Church of Huber Heights (24)
 5901 Chambersburg Rd., 45424 (All mail to
 pastor's address: 139 Whitehorn Dr.,
 Vandalia, 45377) (Tel. 513-236-3879)
 Mrs. Norma Bonham, 216 N. Main St.,
 New Carlisle, 45344 (Tel. 513-845-0541)
 or 513-845-0885)

DAYTON (John D. Talley, Jr.)

North Riverdale Brethren Church (155)
 4101 N. Main St., 45405
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 Mrs. Earl Strehl, 2901 Ridge Ave., 45414
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DAYTON (John R. Terrell)

Patterson Park Brethren Church (356)
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DEFIANCE (John McKay)

Grace Brethren Church of Defiance (63)
 2060 State Route 66, South, 43512
 (Tel. 419-782-6391)
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ELYRIA (Richard Placeway)

Grace Brethren Church (124)
 1305 Nash Ave., 44035
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 Mrs. Larry Zornes, 1745 E. River
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Englewood Grace Brethren Church (192)
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 45309 (Tel. 513-884-5354)

FINDLAY (Glenn R. Coats)

Findlay Grace Brethren Church (121)
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FREMONT (J. Ward Tressler)

Grace Brethren Church (249)
 300 S. Collinwood Blvd., 43420
 (Tel. 419-332-8672)
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 (Tel. 419-992-4258)

FREMONT (Marion R. Thomas)

Grace Brethren Chapel (60)
 North at Dickinson St., 43420
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GALION (Maynard G. Tittle)

Grace Brethren Church (28)
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 Shelby, 44875 (Tel. 419-347-6181)

HOMERVILLE (Robert F. Holmes)

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 R. R. 1, 44235
 (Tel. 216-625-2579)
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KETTERING (Robert L. Dell)

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 (Tel. 513-293-5822)
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 Dayton, 45459 (Tel. 513-434-2729)

LEXINGTON (Terrance T. Taylor)

Lexington Grace Brethren Church (88)
 P.O. Box 3090 (On State Rte. 97 at corner
 W. Main St. and Steam Corners Rd.) 4
 (Tel. 419-884-2687)
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 (Tel. 419-884-2246)

MANSFIELD (Richard E. Grant)

Grace Brethren Church (290)
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 (Tel. 419-522-3941)
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 44907 (Tel. 419-756-1358)

MANSFIELD (Robert Kern)

Woodville Grace Brethren Church (217)
 580 Woodville Rd., 44907
 (Tel. 419-524-8552)
 Mrs. Curtis Beidelschies, 59 Wolf Rd., 44934
 (Tel. 419-589-2837)

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Grace Brethren Church (240)
 2911 William St., N.E., (P.O. Box 43) 44621
 (Tel. 216-499-6691)
 Mrs. Carol Mohler, 601 S. Prospect, Hartsville,
 44632 (Tel. 216-877-9672)

MINERVA (Dennis Beach)

Minerva Grace Brethren Church (44)
 Ellsworth Ave., R. R. 2, 44657
 (Tel. 216-868-6700)
 Mrs. Charles Watts, 2541 Baird Ave., S.E.,
 Paris, 44669 (Tel. 216-862-2457)

RTMAN (Robert A. Russell)

First Brethren Church (271)
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 (Tel. 216-925-3626)
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 (Tel. 216-925-2109)

KING SPRING (J. Paul Reno)

Grace Brethren Church (59)
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 41 and 124)
 (Tel. 513-588-2923)
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First Brethren Church (82)
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OTWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)

Grace Brethren Church (100)
 12 Strader Dr., 45426
 (Tel. 513-837-6663)
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Grace Brethren Church (44)
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 (Tel. 513-335-1852)
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ION (Irvin B. Miller)

Community Grace Brethren Church (90)
 7260 S. State, Rt. 48 (Mailing address: 512
 Lambert Lane, Englewood, 45322)
 (Tel. 513-698-4864)
 Mrs. Earleen Shearer, 185 Katy Lane, Engle-
 wood, 45322 (Tel. 513-836-4850)

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Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (132)
 810 Larry Ave., 45377
 (Tel. 513-898-6666)
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Grace Brethren Community Church (97)
 R. R. 3, 45381 (2½ miles west of West
 Alexandria)
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First Brethren Church (538)
 1897 Burbank Rd., 44691 (Mailing
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 Eighth and Ermine Sts., 97321
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 (Tel. 503-926-1836)
 Mrs. Delores Kennel, R. R. 2, Box 372
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BEAVERTON (Leonard Myers)

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 980 N.W. 180th Ave., 97005
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 (Tel. 503-645-2411)
 David Smoot, 5235 S.W. 173rd Ave.,
 Aloha, 97006 (Tel. 503-646-7083)

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 4218 N.E. 131st Pl., 97230
 (Tel. 503-252-1329)
 Mrs. Frank Bonneau, Jr., 2312 S.E. 186th
 Ave., 97233 (Tel. 503-665-7539)

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Aleppo Brethren Church (50)
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 Ray Sell, Jr., 892 30th St., 16601
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Grace Brethren Church (33)
 Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata), 16601
 (Tel. 814-942-8861)
 Miss Kathleen Field, 1828 12th Ave.,
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BUTLER

Calvary Brethren Church (8)
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 Rte. 356 and one mile west)
 Miss F. Kay Phillips, R. R. 1, Box 257,
 Saxenburg, 16056 (Tel. 412-352-1072)

CONEMAUGH (Don K. Rager)

Conemaugh Brethren Church (120)
 Corner of Second and Oak Sts., 15909
 (Parsonage Tel. 814-539-5333)
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 R. R. 1, Box 288, 15909 (on old Rte. 22,
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 (Tel. 814-746-6742)
 Miss Barbara Teeter, R. R. 1,
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 Mrs. Maurice Byers, R. R. 1
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 14 W. Main, 15537
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 749 W. County Line Rd., 19040
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 R. 1, 16650 (on Rte. 26, 9 miles north
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Grace Brethren Church (11)
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 Box 13, 15546 (Rte. 601 south of Rte. 30)
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 St.) 19134
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 19120 (Tel. 215-455-8132)

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 (Tel. 814-893-5945)

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 320 N. Third St., 18969
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 Mrs. Samuel Burns, 250 Betcher Rd., College-
 ville, 19426 (Tel. 215-489-4488)

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 17547 (Tel. 717-426-1706)

YORK (Kenneth E. Wilt)

Grace Brethren Church (151)
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 Mrs. Sue Meyers, 466 Pine Dr., 17402
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 Clawson and Old N. Fourth St. Ext.
 Mrs. William Johnson, R. R. 2, Paul Heights,
 Mt. Pleasant, 15666 (Tel. 412-547-3181)

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Grace Brethren Bible Church (27)
 1721 Adams St., 00922 (Mailing address:
 P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights 00922)
 (Tel. 809-782-4466)
 Miss Elba G. Vasquez, G.P.O. Box 1218,
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CHANDLER CITY (Clarence H. Lackey)

Grace Brethren Church (83)
Box 3675, Carroll Reece Station, 37601
(Tel. 615-928-7545)
Mrs. Carroll Hughes, 1601 Galen Dr.

CLARK (Donald W. Farner)

Limestone Vernon Brethren Church (128)
R. R. 1, 37690 (Hwy. 11-E, 15 miles west of
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Mrs. Clara Henry, R. R. 6, Jonesboro, 37659
(Tel. 615-753-3855)

VIRGINIA

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Grace Brethren Church (180)
1301 Commonwealth Ave., 22301
(Tel. 703-548-1808)
Mrs. Iva Jane Sisler, 7407 Northrop Rd.,
22306 (Tel. 703-768-2323)

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Grace Brethren Church (60)
R. R. 1, 24065 (1½ mile west on State
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H. Basil Keys, Jr., R. R. 1, Box 69C, Mosley,
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Mrs. Patricia Altizer, Star Route, Box 20,
Floyd, 24091

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R. R. 8, Box 391A, 24014 (5 miles south of
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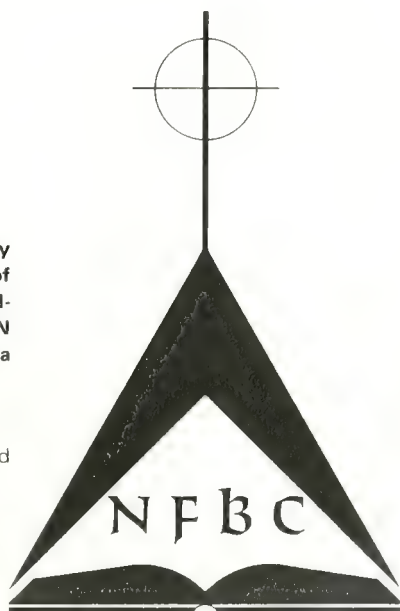
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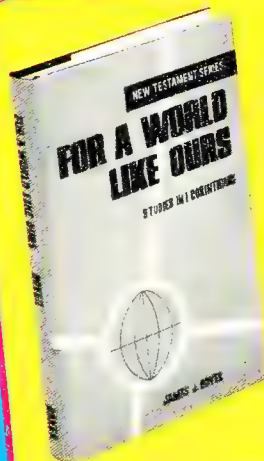
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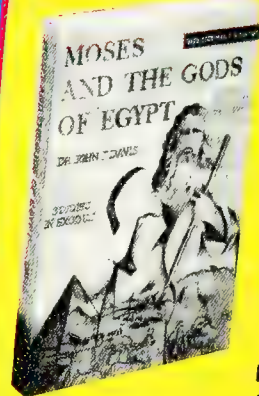


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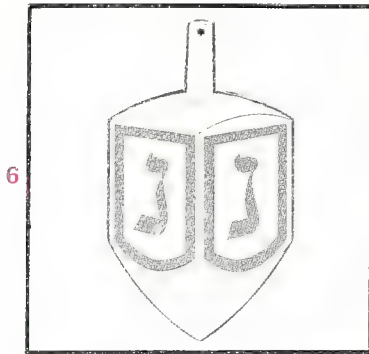
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Thoughts on Church Membership

It is very easy to build structures on false foundations, only to see the whole building come tumbling down. If we assume something to be a fact and later find that it is not, the end result can be a tragedy. In the work of the church we set high standards and this is as it should be. There are no higher motives or truths than those found in the Word of God. It should be the correct assumption that every church member should be a Christian and every Christian should be spiritual.

Those who have worked in the church for any period of time are forced to think that these assumptions are just not true. We as fundamental believers rightfully place the point of emphasis on conversion and new birth rather than on being a member of the local church. The church cannot save us—only Jesus Christ can do that. But has the thought ever occurred to you that when we speak of all churches, it is possible that each member of each congregation is not bound for heaven? Many churches do not preach the Gospel of the grace of God. You could sit in the congregation for years without hearing the message of the new birth or even being invited to accept Him as Saviour. It is not my role in life to appraise the individual relationships that people have to God. The Scripture does reveal that not everyone who calls Jesus by name is a child of His. What a pity it would be to have your name on a church roll and not have it in the Book of Life. God will not ask about our church membership, but rather about our personal relationship to himself. Care should be exercised not to make the personal mistake or assumption that eternal salvation and church membership are the same thing. They are not.

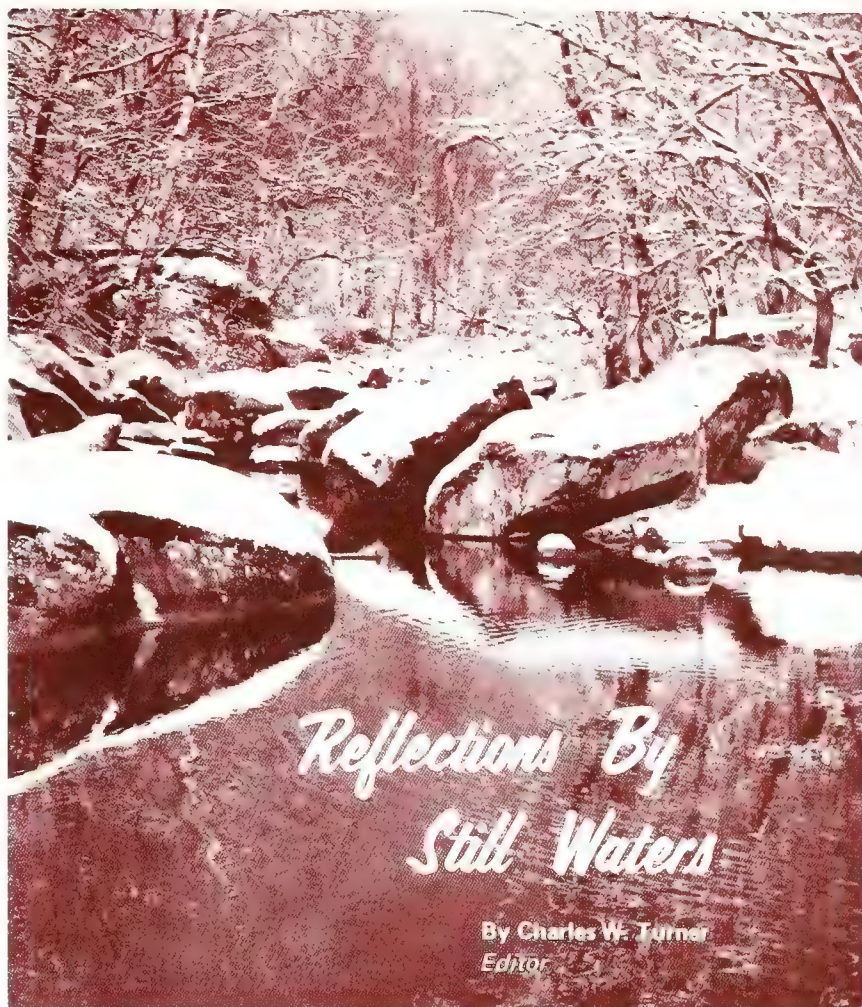
Another assumption that is quickly dispelled under the light of experience is that all Christians are dedicated and spiritual. Just because a person is saved and baptized into the body of Christ does not mean that he is a spiritual person, one who is anxious to see the

work of God go forward and who will work to that end. Some of the most petty activities to be found anywhere can be found in the framework of the church. Often under the guise of a spiritual truth, people will carry out their carnal deeds. If you have ever sat through a business meeting where factions in the church came prepared for battle, you will easily accept the fact that all of God's people are not fully sanctified. They might use the proper words to sanctify their own personal ambitions; but dedicated to God's will, they are not.

I have proposed two false assumptions, and for a reason. It is to point out that the church is made up of people, real, human people with natures that are Adamic. Those who have come to Christ have received a new nature that is of God, but they are not yet perfect. The visible church then is composed of people who are not yet fully like God. God has trusted His work to people like you and me. It

is a bit frightening to think that such is the case, but nevertheless it is true. The point that I am making is that if you look for anything perfect in the church besides God, you will be disappointed. The minister is a man saved by the grace of God still in possession of many frailties. The deacons have experienced His love and grace, but are still striving for maturity. The Sunday-school teachers are still learning. Beyond question, we should all be further along in our maturity than we are. But despite these handicaps, sins and frailties, this is God's method of doing His work.

With this in mind, the next time you look at your church, it might be well to pray for members rather than criticize them. Keep in mind they are not perfect and will not be until they see Jesus Christ and become like Him. If we look for anything perfect in the church other than Jesus Christ, we will be disappointed. But never give up striving to be like Him.



THE MINISTRY: IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?

By Robert W. Thompson
Western Field Secretary
Brethren Home Missions Council

The long tedious years of school; the weary days with the incessant demands on time; the never-ending stream of people whose anxious feet etch the threshold to the door as they come wearily with their burdens; the constant concern for others; the awesome task of handling correctly the Word of God; the budget that never quite seems to balance; the sick and afflicted that must be comforted; and the tears that are shed for loved ones left behind; this is but a partial list of the environmental conditions in which a pastor lives and works.

Every man of God who desires or achieves the office of elder must resolve the question, "Is it really worth it?" If the statistics are correct and the reports are true about the number of pastors who have left the ministry and the decreasing number of young men who are indicating an interest in the office, then, those of us who remain must give an answer "of the hope that is in us with meekness and fear." As a part of the Brethren Home Missions Council, whose job it is to challenge and assist young men to the ministry, I should like to make some candid comments on the matter. Here are some personal thoughts on the subject of why I consider it worthwhile to invest

my life in this manner.

First, because of its *precedence*. Today's world provides an unlimited number of activities in which one can become involved. However, as one considers their importance, each one pales in the light of the ministry. Most of us want to make our mark in history, but only the service for the Lord provides an opportunity to leave an imprint for eternity. The importance of any vocation is directly related to its primary commodity. What value can you place upon the soul? The importance of my task is always before me when I consider that lives are at stake and that destinies are my responsibility.

That my service and involvement in the ministry is worth it, is constantly brought to mind by the *privileges* it affords. I am not referring to the puerile advantages such as discounts and concessions normally granted to "men of the cloth," but I am thinking of those precious privileges that belong to the family of God. I am humbled and honored that others value my counsel and are willing to share their

most secret fears and hopes. In what other field of endeavor could one be afforded such respect? In addition, no price would be too great in return for the privilege of consistently communicating the great truths of The Book. In the words of Paul, "stewards of the mysteries of God."

I would be remiss in my testimony if I did not add that the ministry is worth it also because of the *prestige* it affords. Here I am not thinking of the admiration of my fellowmen, but simply a place of distinction. Every man exerts an influence of greater or lesser degree. Since such an influence affects the eternal destiny of men, I cannot but covet a pulpit from which I can directly influence them for Christ and His Church. From the prestigious vantage point of the holy desk, I have the minds and hearts of men, to whatever degree I exercise my gifts and talents, and can, because of my position, provoke their spiritual interest.

Although to some it may seem insignificant, my ministry today is worth it to me because of my *promise* to God. In a world where honor and integrity seem to have vanished, there is yet room for a man's yea to be yea, and his nay to be nay. Indelibly imprinted on the fleshly tables of my

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heart are those ordination vows wherein I pledged my loyalty and allegiance to God and to His Church. Although I cannot find the words to describe in detail God's call to me, nor relate some visionary experience as evidence that He has, the truth is as vivid today as it was that first moment when He whispered to my soul, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Many turns and decisions along the way have not been so clearly marked, but that initial call, irrevocably given, stands out on the horizon of my life as plain today as it was so many years ago.

The ministry furthermore, is worth it because of its miraculous *provision*. My initial decision to embark upon a ministerial career necessitated a casting off of the hausers of security so important to the world. It may not be a Biblical requirement that the ministry involves a vow to poverty, but there does seem to be a definite corollary. However, in looking back to that event, I can now see where it provided opportunities to know God's faithfulness in provision as nothing else could have done. Time and space forbids

relating all of those times I have seen God meet my need in amazing ways. It has been almost as if I could hear the soft whisper of the raven's pinions as it glided silently and purposely on its errand of mercy to a despairing prophet.

It is worth it because of the *prize* that God sets upon it. There is a special reward that God reserves for those who have served him as under-shepherds. Designated in the Scripture simply as a "crown," this is for me another factor in the long list of advantages in my decision to continue in the ministry. Certainly no minister would want to be known as a "mercenary" in the great conflict for the souls of men, but why else would God use this terminology if it were not for

some definite motivation? How utterly foolish would be the inclusion of such an expression if God's intent were not to stimulate the participant to greater effort for Him. Although uncertain as to its nature there is no question concerning the fact.

If there were no eternal dividends and I had but the prospect of today,

If given the opportunity to change my course

I'd choose no other way;

Than the path the Saviour chose for me

Steep and rugged though it be,

And with others who have known the call,

I'll sing with them, "It's worth it all!"

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Meet the Author . . .

I was saved in the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, in 1949 under the careful ministry of Dr. Charles Mayes. It was our privilege to enter into the activities of this church early in our experience and with the tutoring from individuals, we found ourselves becoming more involved and more deeply aware of the Lord's hand on our lives.

With the passing of time, there came an increasing sense of responsibility to the lost and eventually the Lord opened the doors to enter Biola College as a student. These were rough years for us because of family responsibilities; but the Lord was gracious, enabling us to complete our training in five years.

During the years of schooling, the Lord made clear to us the need for a church in the Orange County

area of Southern California. After much prayer and careful consideration of the area, Westminster was selected as a place to begin. With the assistance of the First Brethren Church in Long Beach and some lovely families, a new work was begun on August 9, 1959. The Lord blessed this testimony and with the help of the Brethren Home Missions Council a new building was constructed and a fine congregation developed.

We found this to be a most rewarding ministry and certainly sufficient to keep us busy all the time. Each new year brought with it an increasing challenge and a desire to do a greater work for the Lord Jesus. We feel extremely grateful for those who made possible our ministry, humanly speaking, and particularly has it been a precious experience to belong to the home



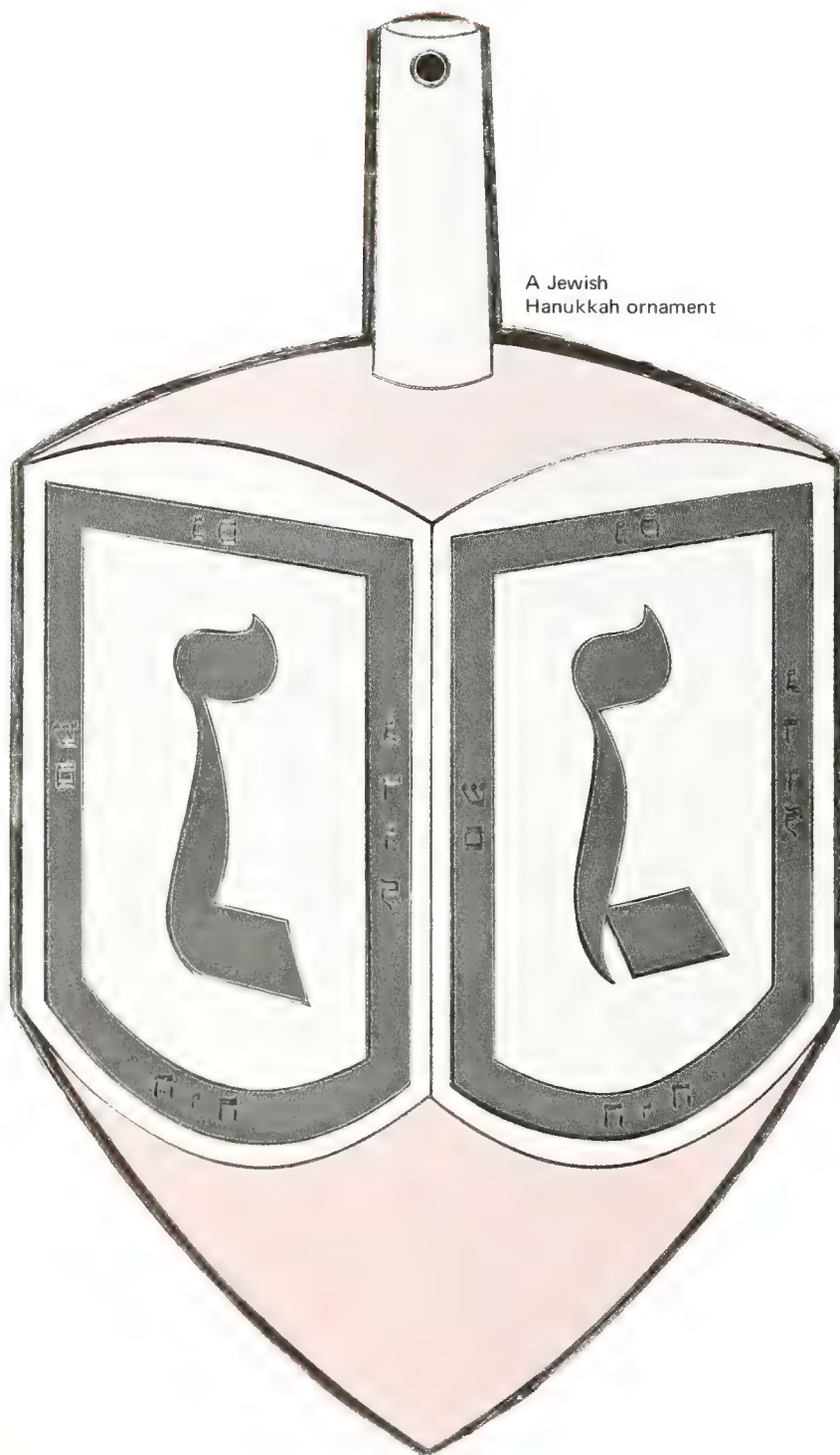
Rev. Robert Thompson

missions' family.

Following a change in personnel in the Brethren Home Missions Council during 1965 I was contacted to become the western field secretary for the BHMC, and on August 1, 1966, I began this new ministry. This responsibility represents oversight of the home-mission work west of the Iowa District. Thus the Lord continues to place upon us a greater responsibility through the expansion of a local church ministry to a nationwide ministry.

What a joy when Jewish people see the real miracle!

Nes Godol Hayah Sham!



A Jewish
Hanukkah ornament

By Isobel Fraser

At this season of the year Jewish boys and girls will be playing with the "Driedel," a top upon which are these four Hebrew letters: nun, gimmel, he and shin. Each represents the beginning letter of the Hebrew expression, "Nes godol hayah sham," meaning "A great miracle happened here!"

The miracle referred to is part of the events which are commemorated by the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Hanukkah this year was celebrated December 13 to 20. Although this was not a Biblical holy day it is mentioned in John 10:22: "And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter."

About two hundred years before the birth of Christ, Israel was under the tyrannical rule of Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria. He sought to paganize the Jewish people, even erecting an idol in the Temple of Jerusalem. Most of the Jewish people resisted his efforts and his greatest effrontery came when he sacrificed a pig on the holy altar.

This caused Mattathias, a priest of Modin, with his five sons to lead the people in a revolt against Antiochus. After Mattathias died, his son Judah, called the Maccabee, became their military leader and waged a successful campaign. Expelling the enemy from the land, in 165 B.C., he and the people returned to Jerusalem and cleansed the Temple, rebuilding the desecrated altar. The Temple was rededicated on the twenty-fifth of Kislev (corresponds to December). Tradition says that a cruse of oil to light the candelabra was sufficient for only one day but that God performed a miracle and it lasted for eight days.

Jews today remember the victory over their enemies and the rededi-

cation of the Temple with the eight-day holiday of Hanukkah, meaning dedication. During this time a special candelabra is used with lights kindled each evening. Therefore, Hanukkah is known as the Feast of Dedication or the Feast of Lights

On the twenty-fifth of December we, too, can say, "Nes godol hayah sham!" This date commemorates the greatest of miracles when He who is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world... was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:9, 14). He came to deliver all mankind from paganism and the slavery of sin. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

The special candlestick used at Hanukkah has nine holders, one for each of the eight days and one called the *shammash* (servant). The *shammash* is lighted and then the other candles are lighted by it. What a beautiful picture of Messiah Jesus we can see in this. "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be

equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a *servant*, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:6-8). And to those who trust in Him, Ephesians 5:8 says: "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."


It is this miracle of and through Christ that we seek to share with Jewish people. But in darkness and with the veil of Moses still over their eyes, so few look to and come to the Light. What a joy when we find those who show an interest.

Yesterday in my door-to-door calling, I had the joy of telling of the great Deliverer to a Jewess who is a college freshman. As we talked at the door she told me that she was not religious. This gave me the opportunity to tell her that I had been at one time, but that a Christmas gift—a Bible—had been part of the means whereby I

learned that religion was not enough. She invited me into the apartment and for over two hours we discussed the message from God, and response of man to it. One interesting thing she said was that she was seeking to fill a vacuum in her life. May she let Him fill it. She found the Bible hard to read, but she has accepted my offer of a copy of the Scriptures in modern language. May this gift be used so that she may receive the Gift of God, and be brought out of darkness into His glorious light.

Special songs are always associated with the various holy days, whether Christian or Jewish. There is a traditional Hanukkah hymn. It is:

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Thy saving power:
Thou amidst the raging foes, wast our sheltering tower.
Furious they assailed us, but Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.
Amen! Nes godol hayah sham! 

**The save idea is a
good one, but
hollow trees
are for the
squirrels!**



**Why not
store those
extra dollars in
the **BIF** where
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you and the Lord!**

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First Addition . . .



Land immediately adjacent to the present building was purchased for the addition.

The need for more Sunday-school space caused the people of the Grace Brethren Chapel in Fremont, Ohio, to start thinking about an addition to their building. However they faced several problems: they didn't have any land; they didn't have any money; they didn't have much time. So they decided to go ahead with the plans for the addition anyway.

A fellowship meal was held to celebrate the addition and the second anniversary of the reopening of the chapel.



. . . Second Anniversary

The Grace Brethren Chapel, Fremont, Ohio, dedicated a new educational unit on the second anniversary of the reopening of the work under the leadership of Pastor Marion Thomas. The dedication service was on Sunday afternoon, November 28, 1971, and was attended by a record crowd. The special speaker for the service was Rev. Lester E. Pifer, secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana.

The dedication program got underway at 3 p.m. following a one-half hour organ program prelude. Rev. J. Ward Tressler, pastor of the Fremont



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for the pastor and people in this work.
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Pastor Marion Thomas



Grace Brethren Church led in the call to worship, and his church provided special music for the dedication service. Rev. James Custer, the chairman of the North Central Ohio District Mission Board, brought greetings from the district which has been helping in the support of the Fremont Chapel work. The Honorable George Demmel, mayor of Fremont, brought greetings from the city. Rev. Edward Scofield of Bowling Green, Rev. Glenn Coats of Findlay, and Rev. Buck Summers of Fremont each had a part in the afternoon festivities.

The dedication day began with a good attendance in the Sunday school and morning service. Then followed a fellowship meal which was held in the new annex. Such a time of fellowship would not have been possible without the new facilities. The new addition was needed for educational purposes, but has been designed for multi-purpose use.

The need for the Chapel addition became apparent by the time of the first anniversary in November of 1970. But obstacle number one was lack of room to expand on the present location. Obstacles seemed to be no problem for the pastor and people in this work. They just prayed to God who is able to help overcome them. This obstacle was overcome when property on either side of the Chapel became available and was purchased in May of 1971.

Obstacle number two was figuring

how to build an addition without money. After all, there was a debt on the present Chapel, and purchasing the adjoining property would add more debt. To build the needed addition seemed like an impossibility—but not with these Brethren. They determined that “we will do it ourselves.” In just a few weeks a building fund of over \$1,000 was raised and this was the beginning of phase one in the addition.

The architectural fees were eliminated. Through the Chapel God saved an architect in Mr. Val Curtis and Mr. Curtis contributed the plans free of charge. In the words of Mr. Curtis, “I didn’t expect to have to lay brick and block, supervise the project and do a lot of other things when I offered to do the plans.” Really, the “do it yourself” idea became contagious and everyone was joining in. It is almost unbelievable to consider the contributions that were made in labor, materials, equipment and services which kept the cash outlay to a minimum.

Another miracle in the building program involved the time required for construction. Setting a dedication date for a finished building three months after groundbreaking is just not done—except by these Fremont Brethren. And they made it. The ground was broken August 16 and the building was dedicated November 28! Here again the Lord provided in giving good weather conditions for this period.

It is heard that “it just can’t be



done." That is build a 40' by 45' addition of masonry construction for less than \$20,000. But Fremont did it. On dedication day only about \$15,000 had been expended, and with the additional work and bills to come in, the estimate is well under \$18,000 for the total program. During the building

program about \$2,000 in cash was raised which will reduce the debt to about \$16,000.

What about finances? The offerings have increased to over \$200 per week in recent months. The dedication offering for the building fund was \$348.03 with a total for the day of \$414.06 for the building. A small house on one of the newly acquired lots is rented which produces an income. The North Central Ohio District Mission Board is helping on the debt retirement and the Brethren Home Missions Council is helping to make a full-time ministry possible for these people. The church has entered into a regular payment program with projected increases for 1972.

The dedication day did not end with the dedication service. A special Sunday evening service was planned

under the direction of a group of Grace College students. The film "Three Minutes to Twelve" was shown and a baptismal service climaxed the events of the day.

The pastor and people of the Fremont Grace Brethren Chapel want to say "thank you" in the biggest way they can to everyone who had a vital part in putting together a combination of prayers, talents, labors, gifts and faithfulness which produced a beautiful and much-needed annex.

Only God could do such a magnificent job and the glory goes to Him. The challenge from Pastor Thomas is, "This is only the beginning!"

(Editor's Note: Would you like to know the secret? On Monday following a dedication day like you just read about, the secretary of Brethren Home Missions tried all day to call Pastor Thomas and the reply was from his wife: "He is out making some important calls.")



Hemet Heads for New Records

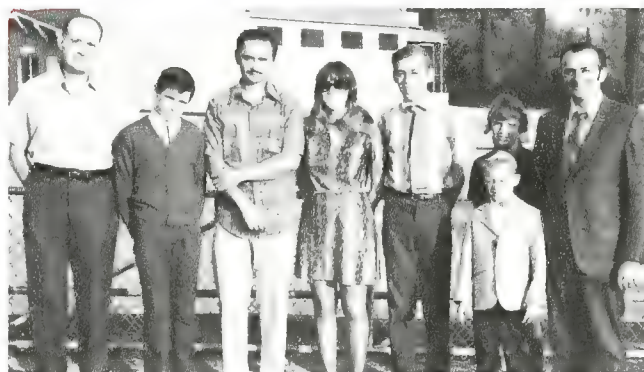
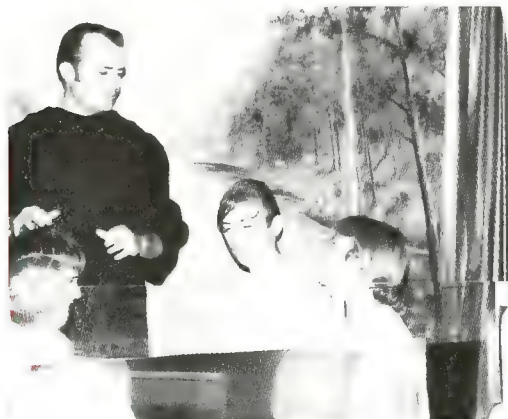
Hemet, California, one of the newest Brethren Home Mission churches, is beginning to take off toward new records. It was just September that Pastor James Ament began a full-time ministry. Prior to that time different men, including Pastor Ament, filled the pulpit.

The first baptismal service was held for seven people on November 7, 1971, and there are more ready for another such service. This first baptismal service was held at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church which was a former home-mission church. The attendances at Hemet have been nearing the fifty mark and there is a "growing" need for more room.

There are a number of Brethren that live in the Hemet area. Hemet is known as a retirement center but one quick glance at the seven people who were baptized immediately changes that connotation. There is not a "retiree" in the group. Pastor Ament said, "I praise the Lord for the spiritual growth we are seeing in our younger members."

"We see additional families in our services every week," states the pastor, which is another good sign for new records. Add to this, "Our people are cheerful givers," and you have a good combination for developing a self-supporting, home-mission church in record time.

Pastor Ament graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in the class of 1971. In the past he has served in a number of areas at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, of which he was a member.



Top: A group of over twenty regular attenders forms the core of the Hemet work. Second: Pastor James Ament baptized seven candidates using the facilities of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Third: Though Hemet is a retirement area, none of those baptized was of retirement age. Bottom: Baptism was held in the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, a former home-mission work.

Season's Greetings



Left to right, third row: Donald D. Sellers, superintendent, Brethren Construction Company; Raymond Clouse, architect, Brethren Architectural Service; Ralph C. Hall, professional engineer, Brethren Architectural Service; Robert W. Thompson, western field secretary, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc. Second row: Sherwood V. Durkee, promotional coordinator, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.; Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.; Warren Zellner, job captain, Brethren Architectural Service; Frank J. Poland, administrative coordinator, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.; Wilmer Witt, Brethren Construction Company; Walter R. Fretz, financial secretary, Brethren Investment Foundation. First row: Mrs. Bill Figert, secretary, Brethren Investment Foundation; Mrs. Oren Taylor, part time, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.; Miss Louise Blankenship, bookkeeper, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.; Mrs. Charles Orlando, office secretary, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.; Mrs. Donald Ogden, bookkeeper, Brethren Investment Foundation; Mrs. Kenneth Herman, secretary, Brethren Architectural Service; Mrs. Thomas Hammers, assistant office secretary, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.

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NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
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Arvada, Colo. "Pass It On" was the theme of Youth Month at the Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church during November. Every evening service was given to a special youth emphasis. Record attendances were recorded throughout the month with a high of nearly 100 on the last Sunday evening with Rev. Larry Wedertz and the Brethren Navajo Mission choir as featured guests. The second Sunday evening indicated no "generation gap" as the youth held a surprise party for Mr. Harry Skinner who recently celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. Robert L. Firl, pastor.

Duncansville, Pa. The congregation of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church held a surprise birthday celebration for Pastor John Gregory following the prayer meeting service Oct. 17. A generous cash gift was presented to the pastor and all enjoyed the Christian fellowship.

Maitland, Fla. Songs, testimonies and a film highlighted the evening gospel hour of the Grace Brethren Church Oct. 10. Mr. Tom Russell, performing musician at Disney World who recently moved into the area, brought the opening comments for the musical program. Mr. Russell is the brother-in-law of Rev. Robert Thompson who gave a special home-missions film presentation.

The church has extended an indefinite call to Pastor R. Paul Miller with a weekly increase in salary.

Approval was also given for the construction of a multi-purpose unit west of the present building. This would provide facilities for Sunday school, youth work, a Christian school and recreation. Nearly \$6,000 is already available for this project.

Covington, Ohio. A mortgage-burning service held Sept. 12 began a series of highlight events during the Autumn months for the First Brethren Church. The mortgage-burning service was planned back in 1957 when \$40,000 worth of bonds were sold for church expansion. The speaker for the service was Mr. Ed Jackson, former member of the church and now executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men. During the following week, services were held with Rev. True Hunt, pastor of the church in 1957 when the expansion program was begun. During the fall months Rev. Gerald Root began as the pastor and a new evangelistic thrust was started in the community.

Chicago, Ill. (EP)—William Culbertson, beloved chancellor and former president of Moody Bible Institute, died Nov. 16 at Chicago's Swedish Covenant Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, two sons and two daughters.

Dr. Culbertson would have been 66 on Nov. 18.

At the invitation of Institute president Dr. Will Houghton, Culbertson came to MBI Sept. 1, 1942 as Dean of Education. Following the death of President Houghton the dean was appointed president, Feb. 4, 1948.

The late Dr. Culbertson continued as president for 23 years until July 31, 1971, when Dr. George Sweeting was appointed MBI's sixth president.

By vote of the institute's board of trustees Dr. Culbertson became the first chancellor in Moody's history on Aug. 1, 1971.

MBI, a three-year undergraduate school of the Bible, has a current enrollment of 1,050 students.



Group at the new Brethren church on the east side of Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, branches out! For the past two years, a Bible study group has met in the home of John Embaugh on the east side of Columbus. Directed by Pastors Jim Custer and Frank Gardner, it was hoped that the Bible class would develop into a new Brethren church. This hope became a reality on Sept. 26 when a full schedule of services began in the Embaugh home. There were 49 in Sunday school, 53 in the worship service, and 34 in the evening service. An offering of \$230 was given.

Recently, the facilities of the Eastwood Seventh Day Adventist Church were acquired for Sunday services. During October, there was an average of 48 in Sunday school, 59 in the morning worship service, 29 in the Sunday evening service, and 30 for midweek prayer. Rev. Robert Combs has been called to pastor the church, and God has blessed with decisions, finances, and dedicated people with a mind to work. Presently, land is being sought for a suitable building location.

Beaverton, Oreg. Rev. Leonard Myers has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church effective July 1, 1972.

GARBC Tax Exemption. Under date of Sept. 20, 1971, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches have received from the Office of the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C., a Group Ruling which exempts all GARBC Churches from Federal income tax and determines officially that donations made to GARBC churches are legally deductible when filing Federal income tax returns.

Without such Group Ruling each local church was expected to file individually for such tax exempt status. However, in practice few did so, unless some issue was raised. For those that filed and received such, as an individual local church ruling, the Group Ruling changes nothing. For those who did not, the Group Ruling means that no individual church ruling is necessary.

Norwalk, Calif. Rev. Stan Jensen presented his resignation to the official board of the Norwalk Brethren Church on Oct. 10. He has accepted a sales position with Inner-Glo Products Co.

Dayton, Ohio. Anniversary Weekend services were held Nov. 13-14 celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the North Riverdale Brethren Church. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt was the guest speaker, with special music provided by The Joyful Sounds of Grace College. There were 224 in attendance for the morning worship service, and the financial goal of \$2,200 for outside offerings was reached.

Having completed fifteen weeks of instructions in the New Christians Class taught by the pastor, ten persons participated in Christian baptism upon confession of faith. All were accepted into the church membership Nov. 28. John D. Talley, pastor.

Waterloo, Iowa. Rev. John P. Burke of Akron, Ohio, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BAIER, Fred, 80, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, died Oct. 1. He was custodian of the church for the past fifteen years.

PLANK, Michael, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plank, of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, died in an accident Nov. 13. Keith L. Zook, pastor.

SPILLER, Rudy, 69, died on Sept. 28 after a long illness. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., since 1962 when he was saved. Jesse B. Deloe, pastor.

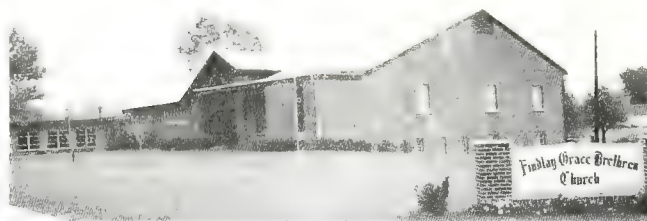
PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Sinking Spring, Ohio—Jan. 2-7; J. Paul Reno, pastor; Don Moffat, speaker.

Brookville, Ohio—Jan. 9-14; Clair Brickel, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

Omaha, Nebr.—Jan. 12-21; Clyde Caes, pastor; Allen Herr, speaker.



Findlay, Ohio. The Grace Brethren Church celebrated their 20th anniversary on Oct. 31 with Rev. Lester Pifer as guest speaker. The church building is shown above, and also the crowd which was present for the special day. Glenn Coats, pastor.

Boca Raton, Fla. (EP)—Sunday schools are being challenged by a renewed interest in the Bible among youths and by a coming four-day week, the new head of the National Sunday School Association said here.

Dr. Joseph Hemphill addressed the eighth annual Christian Education Convention sponsored here by the Gold Coast Sunday School Association.

He said that a "back to the Bible movement" is causing a return of persons to Sunday school, which has "traditionally been the Bible-teaching agent of the church."

Sunday schools, he said, must respond to this trend. Teaching the Bible, he added, is one of the "fundamentals" of the program.

Changes. Please update your *Annual* by making the following address changes: Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Baker, 83 Coach Lane, Newbury, N. Y. 12550; Rev. and Mrs. Garry Butt, Rolling Acres Park, Lot 16, Peru, Ind. 46970; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, 1001 S. Miami St., Okeechobee, Fla., 33472; Rev. and Mrs. William Willard, 112 W. 38th St., Buena Vista, Va. 24416, phone 261-7114. The mailing address of the First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif., is P.O. Box 412. The membership of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., should read 405 instead of 382 on page 81 of the *Annual*.

San Bernardino, Calif. Pastor James McClellan will complete his sixth and final year of ministry at the Grace Brethren Church of San Bernardino on Feb. 1, 1972. He has accepted a call to be pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Kent, Wash.

Fort Wayne, Ind. The religious section of the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* featured an article entitled "Brethren Arrived in America in 1719" written by Rev. M. Lee Myers, pastor of the First Brethren Church. The article is included in a series by the newspaper on smaller denominations represented by churches in the area. It gave a brief history of the Brethren Church and a more specific account of the history of the First Brethren Church.

Jesus, Yes! Christianity, No!

By Raymond L. Cox

Americans have grown accustomed to reading or hearing reports of demonstrations on college campuses. Militant activists have paraded around the University of California at Berkeley at the drop of a hat, with most of them willing to furnish the hat. However, some time ago, a placard hoisted there attracted astonished attention. A student shouldered a sign proclaiming, "Jesus, Yes! Christianity, No!"

Whether one can espouse that amazing proposition depends entirely, of course, on what is meant by Jesus and on what is meant by Christianity.

Certainly a lot of things are going on in the name of the Church to which Jesus himself would thunder a resounding no! A New York pastor won notoriety for his essay, "Toward a Religionless Church for a Secular World." How much religion he nurtures in his own congregation may be gauged from the fact that he booked a nude man and a nude woman to dance across the pulpit platform as part of a worship service! If that is what is meant by Christianity, we must echo the picket's placard and say no!

The city council of Portland, Oregon, passed an ordinance closing city parks at 11:00 p.m. in order to put a stop to obscenities and indecencies perpetrated by the hippie community. Immediately the Portland Council of Churches joined the hippies in protesting and demonstrating against the closure.

The *Oregonian*, largest newspaper in Portland, commented editorially, "The Greater Portland Council of Churches in this and other instances seems to have departed a long way from the Churches' traditional role of upholding public decency. Or isn't it indecent any more to smoke marijuana, 'make love' in a public park, or disfigure the American flag?"

When this issue engaged a session of the city council, Capt. Elizabeth P. Mumford, of the Women's Protection Division of the Police Bureau, accused an affiliate of the Portland Council of Churches of harboring runaway children and refusing to cooperate with the police.

She cited as typical a recent incident involving a fifteen-year-old girl from Aberdeen, Washington. The girl's parents phoned the Portland police about the runaway. The officers learned that a youth group of the Church council knew of her whereabouts but refused to reveal the information, saying they had no duty to cooperate with police but had a "responsibility" to the girl!

'Acts of Apostates'

Captain Mumford also criticized the Charix Coffee House in the basement of one of Portland's most prominent downtown churches. "Kids appear there, and after the first fifteen minutes they are offered dope," she charged. When asked by a city commissioner if Portland Council of Churches personnel were actually interfering with her work, she replied, "They are actually interfering. They think they are doing good."

Some time ago, three clergymen barged into a Selective Service headquarters in Baltimore, pulled open file drawers filled with records, and poured blood into the folders! They announced that their act was motivated by displeasure with the draft. These same three clergymen, however, would dismiss the Biblical truth of blood atonement as a "Gospel of gore" offensive to refined sensibilities. If their's is Christianity, it's easy to say no!

We might continue almost indefinitely documenting preposterous "Acts of the Apostates." But none of the abominations ever perpetrated in the name of Christianity discredits in the least the Gospel's basic integrity.

People may criticize Christians, but they cannot criticize Christ! They can say no to Christianity as it is misrepresented and malpracticed, but they have no reason to say no to Jesus!

Enemies Praised Him

From the New Testament you might construct a "Gospel According to Christ's Enemies." But what could

they say? Every version would have to turn out favorable to Jesus.

The Pharisees swore out a complaint against Jesus, and officers were sent to arrest Him. Apparently, they arrived while Christ was teaching. Rather than interrupt Him and risk a riot, they waited until He finished to arrest Him. But they were finished before Jesus was! They returned to headquarters without Him. When asked why they failed to take Christ into custody, all they could do was testify, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

However, the providence of God ordained Christ's crucifixion. Someone had to betray Him, judge Him, and execute Him. You'd expect these culprits to mouth complaints against Christ. But they complimented Him. The betrayer bemoaned, "I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matt. 27:4). The judge exonerated Christ. Pilate professed, "I find no fault in this man" (Luke 23:4). He called Jesus a "just person" (Matt. 27:24). And the centurion who presided over the execution said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (v. 54).

A young Christian worked in a shop together with a loudmouth atheist. The believer let his light shine, and this invited the wrath of the unsaved man. When the atheist discovered what church the youth attended, he became all the more abusive. Though he had never attended that particular place of worship, he'd heard its pastor on the radio.

The Only Jesus

When his atheistic arguments failed to shake the Christian's faith in the Gospel, he raved in rage, "All I hear, and all anyone hears at that church is"—and he spat the next words in venom tinged tones—"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Unconsciously, that nonbeliever may have paid that church a most significant compliment. The kind of Christianity that proclaims Jesus, glorifies Jesus, and applies Jesus to the needs of mankind is worthy of an enthusiastic approval.

But there is only one Jesus, and He

is the Christ of the New Testament. Many men pay lip service to a Jesus who never existed! The only Christ who ever lived was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. The only Jesus who ever entered this world was the begotten Son of God, who in the beginning was with the Father and was himself eternally and entirely divine.

The only Christ who ever taught endorsed the Old Testament as the Word of God. The only Jesus who ever existed insisted that His death furnished a substitutionary ransom for sin and that His blood gives remission of sin. The only Jesus who ever died rose bodily from the grave, displaying the wounds of His crucifixion and inviting inspection! The only Christ who ever walked the paths of Palestine left that land by ascending to heaven, and He promises to come again in like manner

as men saw Him go into heaven!

This is the only Jesus worthy of eliciting our yes, for this is the only Jesus who ever existed. Any lesser Christ is a figment of the imagination.

Triumph of Life

This same Jesus promises, "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20), and millions of Christians testify to this truth. Jesus makes himself real to men in every situation and circumstance and trial and triumph of life. Jesus was real to Samuel Rutherford in jail. The Scottish reformer testified, "I thought of Jesus until every stone in the walls of my cell shone like a ruby."

Jesus made himself real to John Ardlly at the stake. His executioner told him how painful it would be to be burned and urged Ardlly to recant, but the martyr answered, "If I had as

many lives as I have hairs on my head, I would lose them all in the fire before I would lose Christ!"

We must regret outrages perpetrated in the name of Christianity and the Church; however, the Bible warns us to expect some apostasy among professors of religion.

Jesus himself stands outside and knocks on the doors of people's hearts (Rev. 3:20), and whenever any person opens that door and welcomes the Lord, Jesus Christ comes in with all His love and grace and blessing.

Christian experience commences when a sinner says yes to Jesus by faith; the glory and wonder of this fellowship grows as he continues to say yes to Jesus. Christ will never disapprove a believer when he says yes to his Lord.

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A harvest moon shines over Grace Brethren Village.

Brethren in the Southern Ohio District have seen the hand of God give guidance in the establishment of a retirement home for Christian people. The story began with the appointment of an investigation committee at our 1968 district conference. The men that were appointed took the challenge seriously as they investigated the feasibility and the possibility of such a project. It was apparent from the very beginning that God was leading in each step that was taken. Shortly thereafter nine capable men were elected by conference to serve as members of the board of trustees. They began their task with real diligence, securing a very choice twenty-two-acre parcel of land located in the Englewood, Ohio, area.

After much probing, the type of facility that would best meet the needs of the district was determined. With assistance from the Brethren Architectural Service, plans were drawn and construction was underway.

Enthusiasm was running high in the churches of southern Ohio as they supported the project with their prayers and gifts. As construction began, it was thrilling to learn that the gifts from God's people had been sufficient to pay the property indebtedness of \$32,000 with a small reserve to begin this venture of faith.

The groundbreaking service was a memorable occasion on August 16, 1970. Dr. Russell Barnard, who spent many years as a pastor in this district, brought a timely challenge as people from the district churches shared the joy of the day.

At Open House on Sunday, July 4, 1971, more than one thousand people toured the facilities of Grace Brethren Village. This lovely retirement home will accommodate fifty residents. The facilities include: bright, cheery rooms; three lovely lounge areas; a spacious dining room; a beautifully furnished chapel; an ultramodern, stainless steel kitchen; a fully equipped beauty salon and barber shop; three extended care units to provide special nursing care; and a complete nursing station equipped with an intercom system to all rooms. The administration office will be occupied by Rev. Robert Moeller, who assumed his administrative duties on October 1, following a pastoral ministry at the Grace Brethren Church in Flora, Indiana.

The Lord has used Chairman Harold Huddleston to provide valuable leadership with able assistance from dedicated board members to see this \$500,000 project through to its completion. Gifts from district churches have exceeded \$75,000 since this project began and have played an important part in its success.

Following national conference, it was our pleasure to have Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson take up residence at the Village. Their presence provides much spiritual inspiration following their faithful missionary service.

With praise in our hearts to our heavenly Father, we have dedicated our efforts and this lovely building for the care of Brethren people.

Something Happened December twenty-fifth

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

It is well known among chronologists that Jesus Christ was not born on December 25. But it is also widely accepted that something happened on that date. In view of the fact that two days are marked by names of importance—Michaelmas and Christmas—it could be that these explain precisely what happened. Michaelmas occurs early in the fall. Counting the days backwards over a period of nine months brings one to December 25. Here may well be the clue to what happened on December 25.

Michaelmas means Michael sent. This could well be the day that the angel came and announced the birth of Christ. Michael is the angel appointed of God to supervise and protect the nation of Israel (Dan. 12:1). So upon this occasion, Michael came and announced the birth of Christ to the nation of Israel with these words: "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). This took place early in the fall of the year.

Nine months previous to this on December 25, an even greater event had occurred. It was then that Christ was sent, which is the meaning of the word Christmas. This was that day when the Holy Spirit of God came upon Mary, and the power of the Highest overshadowed her, and there was conceived in her that "Holy Thing" which was called the "Son of God" (Luke 1:35). This was the day when the eternal God in the person of Christ came to earth and took up residence in humanity. This was the incarnation of God in human flesh.

From creation to this moment there has existed a supernatural gap between God and man. It consisted of the distance between the divine and the human, the heavenly and the

earthly, the infinite and the finite, the supernatural and the natural. Added to this was that aspect of distance created by sin, the holy from the unholy. No efforts on the part of men through all the unceasing ages of mankind marked by the sincere struggles of men were ever able to bridge that mighty chasm.

But then there came that day of incarnation with what followed, when "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth . . . No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:14, 18). "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us:)" (I John 1:1-2). "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6).

On that mysterious and wonderful day when Christ was born, it was the angel from God which declared that his message consisted of good tidings of great joy for all people (Luke 2:10). This meant that this event with its issue consisted of good news, the effect of which would produce great joy in all people. This centers in the three-fold name of the one who was born: Saviour, one who would bridge the chasm created by sin; Christ, one who would bridge the chasm of chaos and disorder; Lord, one who would bridge

the chasm growing out of nature.

But the issue was also one of peace on earth (Luke 2:14). This heavenly anthem has done something to brighten the faces of men all across the earth. Even among those who know scarcely anything as to its essential significance, there is something about it that encourages men, something about it to light a candle of hope, something about it to stimulate men in the almost futile struggle for a better world. Looking back across the history of mankind, there is nothing to suggest that there is any hope for the future. But this message kindles a ray of hope. Even in this dark day, when humanity confronts the prospect of some careless move that could snuff out all mankind, still this message brings a ray of hope.

Across these nineteen centuries and more, this Prince of Peace has been speaking peace to the hearts of men. At the cross He wrought peace with God for men (Rom. 5:1). It was there He shattered the sin barrier between God and men. He paid in full the penalty for sin. Thus "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (II Cor. 5:19). When men have recognized the fact that Christ has made peace with God and have acted upon this fact in faith, they have found that they have been ushered immediately into an atmosphere of tranquility with God. The state of hostility with God is gone forever. They now experience the blessed realm of peace.

Though many have not always entered into the emotional experience of peace as a result of grasping the full meaning of peace with God, most of the saints have had a stillness, a tranquility, steal into their souls that they have never known before. The struggle for assurance is over. The rest of the spirit has at last become the sweet experience of life. This very experience enables them to live in a new way in relation to men all about them. The disappearance of irritation and disturbance from life enables them to carry this same atmosphere into their everyday relationships of life.

The Prince of Peace is not through with His mission until at last His government will be established in the earth, and every vestige of chaos and disorder is completely driven from the

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Distributing the mail at Grace Schools is time consuming, frustrating and challenging. But the humor and satisfaction of smiling faces makes it worthwhile.

Stacks of Letters (and a few cookie crumbs, too!!)

By Linda Weddle



Mrs. Jan Dilling, Grace Schools mailroom clerk, delivers a package to an anxious student.

Two thousand years ago, a Roman philosopher wrote:

There is nothing to write about, you say. Well, then write and let me know just this—that there is nothing to write about; or tell me in the good old style if you are well. That's right, I am quite well.

Today, a parent of a Grace College student wrote:

There is no news to write about, you say. You could at least write and let us know you are alive!!

Two thousand years difference, but the message is the same. We all like to get mail. Yes, Mrs. Jan Dilling, Grace Schools mailroom clerk, reports that letter writing is as popular as ever, and her job is to see that the right letter gets to the right person.

What is life like for Mrs. Dilling and her three work-study employees?

Well . . .

It's Time-consuming

Four large bags of third-class mail and one bag of first-class mail come in each day. This is delivered on a daily eleven o'clock round. There are also two interoffice rounds at 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. Each mail route involves approximately one thousand students, ninety faculty members, and sixty staff members. This means that mail for 1150 people passes through the mailroom each day.

On a normal day there are one hundred first-class letters going out and approximately fifty catalogues and applications. This does not include the special large mailings that go out periodically.

Monday and Friday are the busiest days with Tuesday coming in a close third, for Tuesday is magazine day. *U.S. News and World Report*, *News-*

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week, *Life* and *Reader's Digest* are the big ones, with the library getting dozens of periodicals, college catalogues and literature from all over the world.

It's Challenging

There's nothing like getting a letter addressed to John Rdgpwx or Ythhd Smith, yet this is how plainly many of the addresses are written.

"We distinguish what we can and then guess the rest," Mrs. Dilling said, "and if we can't figure it out we keep putting it in mailboxes until somebody claims it."

By the way—if anyone knows who Miss Grace College is, the mailroom would appreciate knowing. She gets a lot of mail!

It's Frustrating

Mrs. Dilling's biggest pet peeve?

"Some companies," Mrs. Dilling explained, "address advertisements to each separate mailbox. It takes a lot of time to get the right advertisement in the right box . . . and nothing's more discouraging than to come back an hour later and watch the students dis-

card them."

"I remember another time," Mrs. Dilling went on, "we received a package, and though many packages are in a shambles by the time they get here, this one was a complete wreck. I picked it up and a pile of clothes fell on the floor, completely covered with cookie crumbs. There was not one carefully baked cookie left in less than a thousand pieces!"

It's Humorous

It's true that college students do anxiously wait for their mail, but nothing's worse than seminary students waiting for exam grades. They stand by their boxes, practically in line, often even opening their boxes before the exam is inside, waiting for that grade!

Oh! And those charmers who write more on the outside of the envelope than they do inside . . . and the pictures of hearts and arrows . . . the upside down stamps . . . the declarations "I love you," . . . well . . .

"We really have a good time reading them," the work-study reported



Mary Sanchez happily receives an air-mail letter!

It's Unusual

Occasionally some rather unusual packages come to the mailroom. There was the girl that got the Slim Gym for her birthday. (She's going to keep it in her room!) But the shipment that tops them all is Prof. Daniel Wonderly's live frogs for his biology classes!

It's Rewarding

The thing that Mrs. Dilling enjoys most about her job is standing behind the mailboxes and looking through the tiny windows, watching the students getting their mail. Their faces light up when they see that letter from home.

"It's worth all the sorting and packaging," Mrs. Dilling says.

Mrs. Dilling continued, "There's a freshmen girl here this year that was really, really homesick. On her birthday, she received twenty-three cards. I've never seen anyone happier and it really made a difference in the girl's attitude."

Wait a minute! Don't mail that letter! Think about Mrs. Dilling, Patty, Karen and Bill. Is the address written neatly? Are the cookies packed solidly?

All right, go ahead and drop it in the mailbox.



Jan Ward smiles as she reads news from her home in Dayton, Ohio.

Ministers of Christ

Article I: Name

"The name of this organization shall be Delta Tau Chi. The letters stand for Ministers of Christ."

. . . A Minister of Christ?

—Traveling through miles of jungle heading toward a village that never before has heard the Gospel . . . tired, discouraged. After traveling for three weeks, the excitement has changed to defeat. What next?

—There is a meeting, people are coming down the city streets . . . smiles on their faces in spite of the ragged clothes, the dirt, the starvation that surrounds their lives. Then, a gang of boys, destructive, throwing eggs, screaming, pulling their knives. What do you say to them?

—A mother and father (an elder and Sunday-school teacher) in your church, sitting in your office. Their son, the vice president of the youth group is on drugs. They are broken—tears stream down their faces. How should you react?

A Minister of Christ?

A couple years ago, Dr. James Boyer, Professor of Greek and New Testament at Grace Seminary, renewed interest in Delta Tau Chi, an organization that hasn't been active on campus since the early 1950s. With the support of the college and seminary faculty, the club again took hold, having its first full year of activity in 1970-71.

The purpose of the organization is

divided into four areas: (1) to strengthen and encourage each member in his commitment to preach the Word of God; (2) to encourage other men to consider the ministry; (3) to gain practical experience through preaching and other activities in co-operation with Grace Missions in Action; and (4) to develop close co-operation and fellowship with the students and faculty of Grace Seminary.

Delta Tau Chi is open to any young man in college who is preparing for full-time Christian service, such as a pastorate, a missionary pastorate, an administration position, or a Bible teacher in a Christian school.

At the present there are fifty-one members. These men are guided under the leadership of six officers. They are: Les Knavel, president, a senior from the Riverside Brethren Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Jay Fretz, vice president, a junior from the Penn Valley Brethren Church in Telford, Pennsylvania; Bob Arenobine, secretary, a sophomore from the Gay Street Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Maryland; Tim Waggoner, treasurer, a senior from the Grace Brethren Church in Fremont, Ohio; and Fremont Clair and Tom Stallter, the two members at large. Fremont is a junior from the Everett Grace Brethren Church in Everett, Pennsylvania; and Tom, also a junior, is from the Bethel Brethren Church in Osceola, Indiana. Dr.

Charles Smith, instructor in theology, New Testament and Greek, is the club advisor.

Meetings are held twice monthly. One takes place after a Wednesday chapel service and is centered around business. The other is a Saturday morning prayer breakfast.

The Winona Lake Brethren Church hosts the Delta Tau Chi members at their breakfast. After a time of prayer and a delicious breakfast, there is a special presentation, usually a speaker. Some of the recent speakers and their topics include: Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., speaking on the pastor and his work; Dr. Paul Fink, speaking on sermon preparation; Rev. Don Harrison on personal witnessing; and Rev. Ivan French on the pastor as a counselor. There are also plans for a panel of seminary students discussing seminary life.

The program of the Delta Tau Chi members does not stop there. They feel the need for personal experience, and to compensate this need, the members are encouraged to prepare sermonettes to present to the group.

A new idea, that the men are really excited about, has recently been developed. The club is forming a gospel team that will go into different churches and take over the entire service including the speaking, the music and the ushering. This will not only be a testimony to the people, but will aid the boys in involving themselves in an actual church service.

. . . A Minister for Christ?

What do you do next? What do you say? How should you react? These questions come up many times in the life of a Christian dedicated to the Lord's service. Delta Tau Chi members are preparing themselves for the questions and equipping themselves with the answers.

Members of Delta Tau Chi. Back row (l to r): Wayne Fehrer, Dave Rodgers, Gary Kocheiser, Ken Miller, Jay Fretz, Mark Yavor, Randy Maxson. Middle row: Fremont Clair, Mike Wingfield, Bob Lofgren, John Ahrendt, Terry Eves, Steve Figley, David Inks, Dave Gribble, Ed Conrad, Jan Brumbaugh, John Fretz. Front row: Tom Stallter, Dan Huhn, Les Knavel, Bob Arenobine, Gary Grooms, Tim Waggoner, Daryl Parlin, Daryle Emch, Dave Anderson.



Release Book By Dr. Boyer



Dr. James Boyer

Baker Book House and BMH Books, a division of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. at Winona Lake, are co-publishers of a new book written by Dr. James Boyer, chairman of the Division of Humanities and Professor of Greek and New Testament at Grace Seminary. Entitled *For a World Like Ours*, it is a study in I Corinthians.

Appointed to the faculty of Grace Schools in 1951, Dr. Boyer received his A.B. degree from Ashland College, the B.D. from Bonebrake Theological Seminary, the S.T.M. from Oberlin School of Theology and the Th.D.

from Grace Theological Seminary.

Dr. Boyer's experience includes not only teaching, but sixteen years in the pastorate. He has also participated in the New York University Bible Lands Seminar and was annual director of the Near East School of Archaeological Studies in Jerusalem, Jordan. In 1967 Dr. Boyer was honored with the first Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching by the students and faculty of Grace Schools.

Dr. Boyer has also authored *Prophecy—Things to Come*, published by BMH and two Bible study charts, one on the New Testament Chronology and the other on the period between the Testaments.

For a World Like Ours is a commentary intended for home, church and Bible study use. The book will also be used as the teacher's guide for adult Sunday-school classes in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches during the December, January and February quarter.

CHURCH HONOR ROLL

Some of our students are not strangers when they meet on the Grace Campus. In fact, they may have shared the same playpen in the church nursery eighteen or nineteen years ago, for many of our students come from the same churches.

The following is a list of our honor roll churches—those churches that have five or more students at Grace.

CHURCH	COL- LEGE	SEMI- NARY	TOTAL
Winona Lake, Ind. (Rev. Charles Ashman)	18	3	21
Warsaw, Ind. (Rev. Mark E. Malles)	10	6	16
Warsaw, Ind. (First Baptist) (Rev. Darrell Byers)	10	4	14
Wooster, Ohio (Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman)	12	1	13
Warsaw, Ind. (Fellowship Baptist) (Rev. Allen Flint)	4	8	12
Osceola, Ind. (Rev. Richard P. DeArney)	9	1	10
Telford, Pa. (Rev. Robert Griffith)	9	1	10
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville) (Rev. Robert Kern)	6	2	8
Sunnyside, Wash. (Rev. Louis R. Buckley)	8	-	8
Akron, Ohio (First) (Rev. John P. Burke)	7	-	7
Canton, Ohio (Rev. James M. Kennedy)	6	1	7
Columbus, Ohio (Rev. James Custer)	2	4	6
Fremont, Ohio (Chapel) (Rev. Marion Thomas)	6	-	6
Rittman, Ohio (Rev. Robert A. Russell)	6	-	6
Lancaster, Pa. (Rev. Arthur Malles)	6	-	6
Warsaw, Ind. (Wayside Baptist) (Rev. Richard Anderson)	4	2	6
Pontiac, Mich. (First Baptist) (Rev. Shelton)	5	1	6
South Bend, Ind. (Rev. Scott Weaver)	5	-	5
Long Beach, Calif. (First) (Dr. David L. Hocking)	5	-	5
Berne, Ind. (Rev. Earle E. Peer)	5	-	5
Ankenytown, Ohio (Rev. Larry Gegner)	5	-	5
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.) (Rev. Russell Ward)	5	-	5
Dayton, Ohio (First) (Rev. G. Forrest Jackson)	4	1	5
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace) (Rev. Richard Grant)	5	-	5
Manheim, Pa. (Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich)	5	-	5
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) (Rev. Lee H. Dice)	4	1	5
Washington, D.C. (Rev. James G. Dixon, Jr.)	4	1	5
Fulton, Ind. (Baptist Temple) (Rev. Stephen Schrader)	5	-	5
Altoona, Pa. (Altoona Bible) (Rev. Henry Kulp)	5	-	5

NEW DATES SET FOR GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

FEB. 8 - 11

Bauman Memorial Lectures
—DR. R. LAIRD HARRIS

Miller Memorial Lectures
—PROF. ABE PENNER

Alumni Sponsored Speaker
—REV. KNUTE LARSON

SOMETHING HAPPENED . . .

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earthly scene. This is no idle hope. Even now, rays of light from an approaching sunrise are piercing through the shadows and shades of night that lie across our earthly horizon. One of these days the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in His wings, and He shall speak peace to the nations of mankind.

It is this message of hope concerning a second coming of the Mighty Messiah that needs to be heralded today. This message breaks like light through the gloom of human despair.

Eight Grace Students Appear in "Who's Who"

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges has selected eight Grace College seniors to appear in this year's edition.

They are as follows: Sue Bowman from Neifer, Pennsylvania; Karen Stevens from Altoona, Pennsylvania; Ruthanne Ward from Dayton, Ohio; David Diehl from Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania; Roger Haun from Smithville, Ohio; Geoffrey Huys from Osceola, Indiana; Ray Shook from Pleasant Hill, Ohio; and Daniel Snively from Harrah, Washington.

Susan Bowman, an English Major, is looking forward to teaching and counseling as a temporary career as she continues to prepare for a future in delinquent youth work and missions.

Currently she is the secretary for the Student Senate, active in the nursing home ministry and a member of the women's hockey team. During the summer Sue has worked among youth in the Philadelphia ghettos. Miss Bowman is a member of the Limerick Chapel.

Karen Stevens has been a member of the Student Council and Student Senate. Student Affairs Committee, Art Club and the *Sounding Board* have also taken up much of her time.

Miss Stevens recently reigned on the homecoming court, an honor that she has held once before. She also was a member of the May Day Court her junior year.

Future plans for Miss Stevens include graduate work in psychometry at Purdue University. Miss Stevens' home is in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where she is a member of the Community Bible Church.

Ruthanne Ward, a member of the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, has not only been active as a member of the Grace College Concert Choir, but she has also served as secretary of the choir, vice president of ISEA, and is currently a

residence assistant. Miss Ward is also involved in church music and the nursing home ministry.

Also active during the summer, Ruthanne has worked for the various conferences held on campus as a sub-supervisor in the dorms. Last year she served as house mother for the high school girls at the Winona Conference Grounds.

In the future, Ruthanne would like to be a social studies teacher on the high school level.

From the First Brethren Church in Wooster, Ohio, Roger Haun, a physical education major, has served as vice president of the G-Club, besides being active in the Grace student government through his office as chairman of the Social Activities Board.

Captain of the golf team for two years, he has lettered in sports for three years. Roger is also a basketball player and a member of the Athletic Association.

Geoff Huys is executive editor of the *Sounding Board*. Interested in journalism, he has previously served as news editor and feature editor. But the school paper does not take up all his time, as Geoff has also served as the Africa prayer group leader, is involved in the Twentieth Century Affairs Club, the Grace College Oratorio Society and the golf team.

A social studies major, Geoff plans to attend seminary for one year and then continue his graduate work later on. Geoff is a member of the Bethel Brethren Church in Osceola, Indiana.

Dan Snively plans to continue his preparation for the ministry next fall by entering seminary. Now active in student government, Dan is president for the 1971-72 school year.

Previously, Dan has served as president of Grace Missions in Action and has received Christian Service awards and the Greatest Contribution to Campus Award 1971.

Also active in sports, Dan has participated in soccer and track, receiving all-conference recognition in track.

Dan is active in the Mabton Grace Brethren Church in Mabton, Washington.

Ray "Butch" Shook is active in student government. He is currently holding the position of senior class president. Previously he was president of the junior class and vice president of the sophomore class. He has also been on the Student Affairs Committee for two years.

Butch, a member of the United Church of Christ, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, is majoring in physical education and is a member of both G-Club and the Lancer basketball team, where for the past two years he has been co-captain of the team. Butch is looking forward to a career as a guidance counselor.

Dave Diehl is a physical education major with plans to teach in Australia, and do graduate work in physical education.

He is getting good experience for a sports career, as Dave has participated in sports all four years at Grace. He has been a member of the soccer, baseball and basketball teams and has served as captain of the baseball team in his sophomore and junior year. This year he is captain of the soccer team aiding it toward the fine record the team achieved.

Besides sports, Dave has been involved in the Athletes in Action prayer group and has held the positions of freshman class vice president and G-Club vice president and president.

Dave belongs to the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church in Duncansville, Pennsylvania.

Who's Who has selected these students on the basis of their leadership, citizenship, general service, attitude, influence and loyalty. We, at Grace, would like to congratulate these eight students on their achievement.



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Bowman*



David Diehl



*Roger
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Geoffrey Huys

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Ray Shook



*Daniel
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"The Library of American Civilization," a new microfiche library, published by Library Resources, Inc., of Chicago, an Encyclopedia Britannica Inc., company, has been added to the library of Grace College. It contains 19,000 volumes covering America from its beginning to the outbreak of World War I.

The President's Committee for Grace College is providing the down payment of \$4,500 which has been raised from many individuals and businesses in the local community. Larry Castaldi, chairman of the President's Committee, said, "We feel the college, with such a record of student growth, deserves this increase in their library facilities and we are glad to have a part in this expansion. This addition will increase the volumes in the library by almost 50 percent."

Each volume in the Microbook Library is contained on a single 3 x 5 inch Microbook film card, a form of microfiche. There are up to 1,000 pages on a single fiche, an achievement of high reduction photography which reduces individual pages 55 to 90 times.

The library contains twenty-five major subjects, for example: Science and Technology, Afro-American History, Music, Local History, American Indians, The South and Religion. The time span covered ranges from

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pre-colonial days to 1914. A person looking through the index cards would find titles such as *Philosophy of Plays of Shakespeare*, *God's Hand in America*, *Story of the Cherokee Bible*, and *History of the State of Indiana*.

There are many advantages of the microfiche card over a bound book. The most obvious is space saving. Ordinarily the 19,000 volumes in the Microbook Library would take up to 2,000 feet of shelf space or the equivalent of a small library. In Microbook form, the entire collection is stored in 30 card files that take up less than eight cubic feet.

One perhaps surprising advantage of the microfiche card is that it's practically indestructible. Laminated in double mylar, the card can take an accidental folding or smudgy fingerprints. It is relatively simple to wash the microfiche with a mild soap solution. If a microfiche card were left in a

rain storm (water is always damaging to a book) it still would not be harmed.

With the prices of books rapidly increasing today, it is interesting to note that to buy the microfiche library in book form would cost approximately \$450,000. A volume in microfiche costs only a dollar. If the card is misplaced or destroyed, it can be replaced for the same price. Because of this, many otherwise priceless rare books are available for student use.

Mr. Allen E. Thunell, in charge of the microbook library is planning instructional sessions in the near future in order to present the library to the student. He also reports that the library will be receiving some lap readers shortly making it easier to read the material.

The microbook library promises to be a valuable and worth-while addition to Grace College.





